



## **Mason Conservation Commission Minutes**

Nov. 10, 2010  
7:00 pm to 9:08 pm

### **In Attendance**

- Rob Doyle
- Bob Larochelle
- Barbara Devore
- Bob Dillberger
- Liz Fletcher
- Cynthia Hajaar

Voted unanimously to accept the Oct. minutes.

Barbara reported on a conversation with Chris Guiry regarding our cooperation with them on dealing with invasive plants. Chris is still very interesting and will pursue the plan to arrange a joint meeting to discuss next steps. Chris prefers hiring an outside professional to handle the spraying, and mentioned that the Forestry Committee has relevant funds that must be spent by year end. To handle state roads, Liz suggested speaking with Steve Dunn in Greenville to start the process of educating the state road crews. Barbara will follow up with Chris about the meeting.

Barbara reported on last week's ROST meeting. They're compiling a regional map of conservation land and recreational opportunities. Bob L. will send them information about relevant items in Mason.

Barbara also gave an update on prison labor available to us and the town at little or no cost. We could potentially use them for trail maintenance and trash clean-up on conservation land. But we'd like to know more about the prisoners: their offences and release dates.

Update on educational programs: About two dozen folks attended the presentation about a canoe trip through the Alaskan wilderness. Barbara's got a tentative date for the same folks to do their owl presentation. Sat. Dec. 11 John Sargent returns to Mason for another animal tracking excursion (snow permitting). Another upcoming program: chestnuts in Mason.

Time for easement monitoring. Agreed on Nov. 20 at 10:00 for the Stewart easement. Liz will handle the Darbeloff easements on E-1 and E-2.

Esau Stanley land dedication ceremony is this Sat. at 11 am. The sign is up and looks great. Liz also has some photos of local wildlife to post to add some pizzazz. We'll have a small ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Dave Morrison (Hwy. Dept.) asked if we want the railroad trail mowed. Liz suggested they ditch the granite pass north of Morris Rd. instead. The ditches are full of debris and not draining well.