



Mason Conservation Commission Minutes

Jan. 12, 2011
7:00 pm to 9:30 pm

In Attendance

- Bob Dillberger
- Bob Larochele
- Barbara Devore
- Liz Fletcher
- Anna Faiello

Voted to accept the Dec. minutes.

Barbara gave an update on pending education programs, including local folks on orchids, and the proposed owl walk.

Barbara reported on interesting goings on from last Friday's ROST meeting, specifically with regard to the Russell Foundation which is looking for potential land protection projects. They offer several forms of assistance that could be of use to us. The group is interested in attending one of our meetings to discuss possibilities. Liz proposed we invite them for our Feb. or Mar. meeting. All agreed. Barbara will handle the invitation.

Liz raised the question of approaching the Selectmen about changing the status of B-3 and D-14 to conservation land so they're better protected. She suggested that doing so might make future land protection projects in the area more attractive to potential funding sources. Bob D. moved that we pursue this action. Passed unanimously. Liz will draft a letter for review at our next meeting.

Agreed there's no point in pursuing prison labor at this time of year; all our projects are outdoors. We'll take this up again in the spring. Later...It occurred to us that we've been wanting a kiosk for the Fifield easement. Barbara will inquire about having one built using prison labor.

Liz reported on a discussion with Bill Downs regarding clearing on the E-1 conservation easement. We're happy to abide by his recommendations but will also request a 50' buffer be left along the margin of the affected wetland.

Voted to pay 2010 and 2011 **NHACC dues, for a total \$400**. (Forgot to pay 2010 dues, so will pay both year's dues in one check). To be taken from the general fund.