



## **Mason Conservation Commission Draft Minutes**

July 13, 2011  
7:00 pm to 10:30 pm

### **In Attendance**

- Bob Dillberger
- Bob Larochele
- Barbara Devore
- Liz Fletcher
- Rob Doyle
- Anna Faiello
- Ann Moser

Voted unanimously to accept June minutes.

Liz moved that we authorize **transfer of \$10,518.13 from the Land Protection fund to the town General Fund** to reimburse the bond payment for the Mitchell Hill Wilderness. Passed unanimously.

Barbara D. reports the Hillsborough County Jail inmate crew will arrive Mon. Aug. 15 for one week of work in town. These are low level offenders who are due to be released within a week or two. In 20 years working in all towns except Sharon, there has never been a negative incident. Per county protocol, Supervisor Tony Sawyer will contact Chief Hutchins in advance.

Fire Chief Dave Baker reported that he blocked the west entrance to Bronson's homestead with the largest rock the town's loader could move.

Discussed invasive plant control. Rob Doyle agreed to look into finding a licensed herbicide applicator we can hire to help with knotweed control on the rail trail. Barbara will coordinate all the stuff needed to get the prison crew going. Agreed we need to post a notice in the Grapevine to let townfolk know this'll be going on. Barbara will take care of that for the upcoming issue.

Bob L. reported on the state of the RR Trail VAL sheets. The sheets are not recorded and must be specially formatted with surveyor's stamp to meet the Registry of Deeds requirements. Bob L. will investigate options for getting this done.

Liz moved we pay **G.W. Shaw & Son \$58.50** in payment for a dumpster used to gather roadside cleanup. Passed unanimously.

Discussed having a CC table at Old Home Day this Aug. Will discuss further at our Aug. meeting.

Spaulding Brook bridge: Liz will order two earth anchors to keep it in place. Bob L. will install at his convenience.

Re. the Jackson Rd. RR Trail bridge (Dave & Deb Morrison present to represent MANE): Read report from Ken Wilson who recommends the bridge be closed to traffic until it can be repaired. Agreed to block both ends of the bridge, and post signs announcing the closure at the access points on Morse Rd. and the south side of Depot Rd. Bob L. will take care of this. Bob D. volunteered to investigate sources of used ties. A better idea: solicit bids for the repairs via the Grapevine. Liz will submit an article. Finally, Barbara volunteered to let Barry Hutchins know so he can help control bridge traffic as necessary.

Bob Dillberger presented the power point of his draft Natural Resources Inventory status report. Only a few minor changes were made. Barbara Milkovits, Selectmen's executive assistant, was present as a member of the public, and made some helpful suggestions. All agreed it was an excellent presentation for our July 26 meeting with Selectmen. The Commission is scheduled to meet with them at 7:45PM in the town hall so maps can be displayed and the power point can

be projected on a wall. We agreed to bring other documents such as grant applications and conservation easement documentations. Bob D will email a list of what is needed.

Liz moved to pay Mark Calderon \$216.58 as reimbursement for expenses associated with Nick Calderan's Eagle Scout project at the Potter homestead on Greenville Rd. Passed unanimously. To be paid from the Conservation General Fund.

Rob Doyle raised the question of how the town disposes of road scrapings collected while ditching. Such deposits are a major source of spread for invasives. Agreed the CC should send a letter to the Selectmen and road agent expressing our concern and suggesting a course of action.

After signing the rental agreement on July 8<sup>th</sup> Dennis presented a check for \$1350 for the quarterly rent payment to be deposited in the 135 Old Ashby Road account. Bob L. made copies of the signed rental agreement for selectmen & Dennis Graham.