



Mason Conservation Commission Minutes – D R A F T

Feb. 12, 2014
7:00 pm to 10:30 pm

In Attendance

- Rob Doyle
- Liz Fletcher
- Bob Laroche
- Barbara Devore
- Bob Dillberger

Voted unanimously to accept Jan. minutes.

Voted unanimously to pay \$120 invoice for work on metal gates to Wally Brown from general conservation fund.

Voted unanimously to pay \$560 invoice for work on metal gates to Bob Bergeron from general conservation fund.

The gates will be installed at Mitchell Hill Road entrance to B-15-1, RR trail north of Scripps Lane, entrance to the quarry on Scripps Lane, and the Coyne Lane entrance. We will stake by the end of March for April installation.

Amos White, Chris Beaulieu, Al Williams, attended to discuss RR trail matters as they relate to the Wilton Winter Wanderers Snowmobile Club. Rob Doyle cautioned the club on the use of fill and the risk of invasive plants. We expressed the need for more communication before any work is done. Discussed the grading and ditching work needed in various areas of the trail. We will meet with Amos and other members in the spring to plan for the work and get estimates. We will contact amostwhite@gmail.com for arranging a meeting. We also discussed putting additional wood on the (2) RR bridge wear surfaces. We will talk to the horse club before taking action. Chris provided a DRED form for granting club members permission to do maintenance work on snowmobile trails with their vehicles and equipment. Bob D. will find it online so we can tailor it to our needs.

During our discussion we discovered the WWW club was responsible for moving boulders on B-15-1 Milford/Mason town line to make room for their trail groomer. They claimed they did not know we owned the land. Rather than installing a gate in this location, we agreed it would be more cost effective to have the club move the boulder back each spring.

We discussed the land lease plan with Eric Anderson. It needs to be less than 5 years. He will clear, sod and put cattle to graze on 2-3 acres. Need to coordinate available survey maps, topography, GPS the area Eric has in mind, and agree on a price. We need to form published guidelines for the lease of conservation land.

Bob will make a map to accompany list of town owned lots for conservation.

Selectmen have not yet followed up with town counsel for review of the proposed quarry ordinance. We are eager to have the hearing on the ordinance so we can get signs made.

We would again like to reiterate the need for a new copy machine or repair of the old one which is no longer usable.

Appraiser would like timber inventory by end of next week. Bill Downs should be done by then.

Bill Downs called to report the view cutting operation on Conservation land east of Greenville road is about to begin.

Discussed flower survey of Mason and Rocky Brook corridor. It's a very large amount of land. We looked at areas which would be most useful to the commission for management planning.

Discussed future programs for Florence Roberts lecture series.

Discussed formation of mgmt policy for Quarry and Bronson South with goals, objectives and perhaps 5 year action plan. Bob D suggested taking the same approach as NRI.

We discussed letter from SPNHF requesting notice of problems on (4) town parcels to be signed by selectmen. We are not aware of any solid or hazardous waste on E-22, 28, 36, 38.