



Mason Conservation Commission Minutes – D R A F T

July 9, 2014
7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

In Attendance

- Bob Larochele
- Barbara Devore
- Anna Faiello
- Ann Moser
- Rob Doyle

Voted unanimously to accept June minutes.

Received bill from Drescher for finalization of the review of 4 Conservation easements for \$542.50. The Commission has yet to receive a copy of the work product. **For this reason we voted unanimously delay payment until it has been delivered.**

Received a bill from G.W. Shaw and Son Inc. for spring road cleanup for \$65.00. Voted unanimously to pay from the Conservation General Fund.

Received a bill from LaBombard for engineering consulting services for site visit to quarry to discuss development options for Scripps Lane parking and emergency access road to quarry for \$200. Voted unanimously to pay from the Conservation General Fund.

Received a check for \$400 from LCHIP for our efforts to monitor protected properties in Mason. Monies to be deposited in the Conservation General Fund. See letter on page 2.

Received a rent check for \$1,350 (July-Sept.) from Dennis Graham to be deposited in the Old Ashby Road Account.

Barbara D. found a sign for the Coyne Wildlife Sanctuary in Florence Robert's garage. It is made of plywood and would need protective measures (kiosk or protective finish) to extend it's outdoor lifespan before installation on-site (see picture on page 3).

Eric has fixed the equipment he needs to install the Mitchell Hill Road Gate. He will start the project soon.

Railroad Trail signs are required on approaches to Quarry from Scripps Lane in order to facilitate police enforcement. Discussed putting a gate on RR bed north of Scripps crossing. Officer Thompson recommended this when Bob L. recently met him at the quarry.

Bob L will call Al Williams to obtain RR Gate reflectors for Depot and Morse roads.

Bob D reported he is putting the finishing touches on the NRI.

Barbara D. & Anna F. will do outreach at community supper tomorrow for Black Swallow-Wart (invasive plant). She will contact Francie Von Mertens for Monadnock Region Invasive literature. Bob L to communicate to Wally Brown the need to control B S W around the Mann House. Rob Doyle would be available to show him how to identify it.

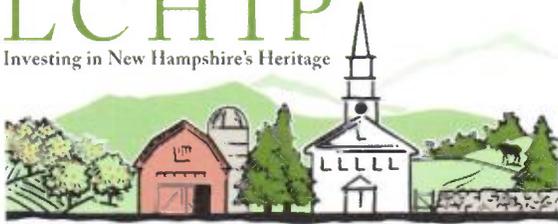
E-54 campsite cleanup tabled until fall.

Commission received 2 bids for engineering design services to improve emergency access and parking for the quarry. Commission unanimously accepted the low bid from Fieldstone Land Consultants for \$5950.

Board of Selectmen has granted Treasurer Pat Latourneau the authority to move Conservation funds from NHPDIP to open Money Market accounts with Peoples United Bank per Conservation Commission request. This move will earn better interest and give easier access to our funds.

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June 11, 2014

Liz Fletcher
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Dear Liz,

We are pleased to send you the enclosed incentive payment to recognize that you have submitted an acceptable 2013 monitoring report for your LCHIP-protected property.

The Monitoring Endowment fund was created to encourage grant recipients to continue good stewardship of the resources protected with Land and Community Heritage Investment Program assistance. Payments are based on income available from the endowment, the number of projects receiving funds and a variety of resource-based factors.

Because the return on the investment that supports these payments has continued to be good this year, we are able to provide payments of a similar size as last year. However, since the amount available varies from year to year, we advise that you not include a specific payment from this source as part of your organization's annual budget.

This check represents stewardship monitoring for the following project:

Fifield Tree Farm

Remember that you will need to submit a completed 2014 monitoring report to fulfill your agreement with LCHIP and to receive an incentive payment next year. Many recipients find that summer is a good time to complete the required monitoring. The current monitoring report form is available on the LCHIP website, www.lchip.org.

If you have any questions please feel free to call us at 224-4113.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Dijit Taylor".

Dorothy T. Taylor
Executive Director

FRANCIS J. COYNE



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