



**Mason
Conservation
Commission
Minutes – D R A F T**

April 8, 2015
7:00 pm to 11:00 pm

In Attendance

- Barbara DeVore
- Bob Dillberger
- Anna Faiello
- Liz Fletcher
- Bob Larochelle
- Ann Moser
- Lundy Lewis

Voted unanimously to accept March minutes.

Chris Wells (Piscataquag Land Conservancy) attended to discuss what they can offer to us. They cannot help with the Pipeline fight. He offered to send a copy of the letter from NH Land Trust Coalition expressing their stance on large infrastructure projects.

Chris has our desirable property list which he will make inquiries regarding pursuing easement conveyances. We included the following: private land: L-21 & 22, B-4-2, high priority: A-13, B-3, D-14, L-27, L-58, K-45, K-52 medium priority: G-61 low priority: F-41, J-46. Project must break even. The Merrimack watershed Conservation Plan Grants program could provide funding in the next 2 years for transaction cost.

Voted unanimously to pay invoice for \$6760 to the New England Wildflower Society for Mason Brook Headwaters botanical inventory from the Conservation General Fund.

Voted unanimously to pay invoice for \$212.50 to Fieldstone Land Consultants for DES permitting for Quarry access road restoration from the Conservation General Fund.

We received a check from Dennis Graham in the amount of \$1350 to be deposited in the Old Ashby Road account.

Ann raised concerns about logging on K-60 (3 ac.) which was recently clear-cut. Operation has allegedly encroached on wetlands and an abutters land (K-51-4). There is a pond on the parcel. We do not have a permit for this in our records. The selectmen would be responsible for pursuing timber tax. We could contact the State forester to investigate possible basal area violations. Ann will investigate if there is a logger and/or Forester involved. She will also take pictures.

Discussed the prospect of having Moosewood Environmental Consultants do an assessment on 4 town sites impacted by the NED pipeline. The ability to inventory vernal pools is time critical. After a lengthy discussion, we had some questions. Foremost, do we have the authority to survey the Fifield Tree Farm (private land) which is the largest and most important pipeline impact? Do we have to get bids?