



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

Nov. 11, 2015
7:00 pm to 11:00 pm

In Attendance

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

Voted unanimously to accept October minutes as amended.

Voted to pay reimburse **Bob Dillberger \$37.94** for screws used to install new RR Trail and Mason Quarry signs. Money to come from the General Fund.

Voted to pay **The County Store \$101.94** in payment for replacement shrouded shackle key locks for town gates. Money to come from the General Fund.

Voted to pay **Liz Fletcher \$55.00** as reimbursement for registration fee for NHACC annual meeting. Money to come from the General Fund.

Discussed paying D.W. Shaw & Sons, Inc. \$155.00 in payment for a four-yard dumpster used for road clean-up day. But the price seems high, so before we pay the bill, Liz will call for an explanation.

Met with Charlie Moser to discuss OPDMD policy recommendations.

Met with Bill Rendle to discuss OPDMD policy on lands managed by the Commission. Bill pointed out that the current ordinance governing vehicle use (OHRV) on town lands might not be in conflict with ADA OPDMD requirements because we are trying to reduce noise, erosion and speed. Bill brought a copy of "ADA Guide for Small Towns" from Dept. of Justice. He also mentioned an upcoming Webinar: "ADA and Municipal Governments" to be given by the N. H. Municipal Association on 12/15. Bob L. offered Bill his assistance in facilitating a trip to see the quarry.

Met with Trish Cross regarding new RR Trail gate near Scripps Ln. Several folks have complained it's hard to get around, so we're considering modifications to address the problem. Agreed it needs to be adjusted. For this season, we agreed to open the gate. That will give us some time to arrange a permanent fix.

Met with Cheri Grovesteen regarding converting part of Jackson Rd. to a Class A municipal trail. Cheri was interested in the Commission's perspective. Agreed that at least the town needs to be diligent in adhering to scenic road provisions.

Discussed \$2,000 price tag for appraisal on Crathern land donation. Bob D. thought that seemed high and suggested we get a couple other bids to make sure we're getting the best price. Liz agreed.

Regarding 2015 budget, Liz recommended that Cons Com increase the amount of our annual budget request due to all the expenses coming up and the lack of Land Use Change Tax income. Any timber cutting income that may be realized from B-17-1 may not come in for another year. Bob Dillberger said that any request Cons Com makes needs to be clearly justified by the expenses. Bob Larochelle has put in for the usual budget of \$2,000 but there's a Budget Committee meeting next week and this could be discussed.

Regarding paint removal at Mason Quarry, agreed it's really in the hands of the police now. The Commission does not believe we should pay any of the cost; the cost should be borne by the culprit.

Regarding the latest Schwenk land gift, we have an excellent plan so an additional survey might not be required (according to Bob L.); just need to assign new lot number. Need to discuss with the Planning Board.