



Mason Conservation Commission Minutes – D R A F T

April 13, 2016
7:00 pm to 10:30 pm

In Attendance

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

Voted unanimously to accept March minutes.

Met with John Casey from Eversource to discuss the road constructed on the Eversource right-of-way across a conservation easement. Mr. Casey said he thought Eversource owned the relevant parcels and didn't realize they were privately owned with conservation easements. Mr. Casey asked if we could agree to leave the road in place but loam and seed over the top (as Eversource first proposed) so it's still there if they need it in the future. (Mr. Casey clarified that that process includes scarification to break up the current hard-packed surface before applying loam.) We pointed out that as we understand it the terms of the easement do not allow this sort of infrastructure, and as the easement holders (in conjunction with LCIP) we have a duty to enforce the easement terms. Therefore, there really is no room here for negotiation. However, Liz suggested we consult with LCIP to get their opinion on this matter in case we're misinterpreting the easement terms.

Voted to pay the **N.H. Association of Conservation Commissions our annual dues of \$266.00, money to come from the General Fund.**

Reviewed timbering plans for B-17-1. Bill Downs received seven bids in all. The winning bid is \$34,230 from Chappell. Also received confirmation of Chappell's insurance coverage.

Received a \$1,350 check from Dennis Graham for April/June rent to be deposited in 135 Old Ashby Rd. account.

Bob L. reported that one of the new culverts under the Mason Quarry access road is starting to erode. It appears that the pipe might be undersized (or perhaps a second pipe is needed). Agreed to ask Amos White to take a look.

Received a \$400.00 check from LCHIP as reward for our timely easement monitoring, money to be deposited into the Stewardship Fund.

Received notice from Tom Quinn that the deed for the Nose Meadow gift has been recorded. Next step is to have the property appraised. Agreed to contact Marsha Beesy to handle this for us. Liz will draft a thank-you letter to the Schwenks.

Discussed the logging at the corner of Withee Brook Rd. and Campbell Mill Rd. on H-35-2. It's unclear if an intent-to-cut filing is required for this operation. Discussed whether this an issue for the CC or for the BOS. Ann Moser volunteered to call the land owner to get some more information.

Liz reported we need to remove what remains of the black plastic at the Black Brook Rd. bridge. What's left is old and brittle. It looks like much of the infestation has been eliminated, but we won't know for sure until later this year. Liz also showed some reclaimed roof slates that are available for us to have and use as weights to hold down sheet plastic if we think it's a good idea.

Re. quarry parking lot easement, the next step needs to be a signed easement agreement. Because the land is mortgaged, the landowners need to check with their lender before going further. We will send them a printed copy of the current plan along with a draft easement for their review.

Need to send somebody to Epsom, NH to pick up bags for roadside cleanup. Charlie Lanni has enough bags for this year but that's it. Barbara volunteered for this task. To make the bags free, we must sign a pledge to hold at least one cleanup day this year, and spread the word about the adopt-a-highway program. Barbara volunteered to take care of this, too.

Reviewed initial list of possible pipeline mitigation projects from Chris Kane at Kane Conservation. Bob D. will pass our notes on to Chris.

Discussed having a town-wide water testing event to get pre-pipeline levels for relevant compounds and toxins. June 21 is a proposed date. Bob D. will check with ChemServe in Milford to see if they have facilities to help us with this.