



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

Nov. 9, 2016
7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

In Attendance

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

Voted unanimously to accept Oct. minutes.

Voted to pay \$1,675.00 to Daniel Kuusisto in payment for painted graffiti removal at the Mason Quarry. Passed unanimously.

The Commission was approached by the owner's (Brookwood) of parcel C-33 to see if we'd be interested in acquiring it as conservation land. The parcel is adjacent to the Bronson Potter land. It's unclear if the owner is interested in donating the property or if their intent is to sell it. We need to take a look at the property and get clarity on the owner's intent.

Continued ongoing discussion of possible modifications to the Fifield easement. Craig Fifield would like to remove the paragraph (Section 4.11(b)(6)) about the style of buildings that can be built on the farmstead. Liz pointed out the subject matter here is outside the expertise of the CC. In contrast, Ann paraphrased what appears to have been Woody's intent: to preserve the farmstead character of the property. Bob L. suggested we engage Paula Bellemore to get her opinion on whether or not the AG is likely to approve this change. To make it official, Liz moved we remove this part from the easement. Barbara seconded. After further discussion, the motion failed 0-6.

Continued our discussion of an OPDMD policy, working from Lundy's draft. Developed a revised draft that most folks found acceptable. See page 2.

Discussed lease (from 1983) of K-28, a RR trail property, for a residential driveway. The money is currently paid to the town. In the long term, it seems a deeded right-of-way is a better option. After discussion, the CC agreed that this matter is properly of concern to the BOS but not the CC.

Thanks to Eversource for removing the road and work pad on the powerline ROW off Starch Mill Road, and for installing the gates they promised. However, they have not planted any native shrubs at the Starch Mill Road area as we requested. Bob L. will send a thank-you letter and ask about completing the revegetation.

Trail work at the Florence Roberts Forest proceeded as planned. We accomplished most of what needed doing with the exception of freshening the paint blazes which will need to wait until Spring now.

Barbara reports the police collected 45-50 lbs. of drugs at drug take-back day.

Time to write our section for the annual report. Ann M. volunteered to do it this year.



Nov. 17, 2016

Policy for Personal Mobility Device Use on the Mason Railroad Trail

Electrically powered mobility devices are allowed on the Mason Railroad Trail when used by disabled persons as mobility aids. Vehicles must be operated at no more than 5mph, must be no greater than 30" in width and 48" in length, and must weigh no more than 500 pounds gross vehicle weight.

Fuel powered mobility devices are not allowed on Mason Railroad Trail. Noise and exhaust fumes are detrimental to the peaceful enjoyment of all trail users.

Advisories

- Mason Railroad Trail can be sometimes rough with fallen branches or trees, ruts, mud, and standing water.
- Cell phones and internet access are spotty and unreliable on the Railroad Trail.
- Please exercise additional caution when passing people on horseback.