



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

Jan. 11, 2017
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

In Attendance

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

Voted unanimously to accept Dec. minutes.

Received check for \$1,350.00 from Dennis Graham in payment for rent on Old Ashby Rd. property, money to be deposited in Old Ashby Road account.

Discussed ongoing work on amending the Fifield easement. The latest email from Paula Bellemore at LCHIP raises questions about the proper steps for proceeding with this. Liz will call Paula for clarification.

Met with Ray Shea from Sandford Surveying to discuss the proposed Ruggiero subdivision. Mr. Shea gave a clear and succinct presentation explaining the potential issue with a wetland less than 25 ft. from the proposed driveway right-of-way (ROW). Mr. Shea's opinion is that diverting the ROW south to achieve a 25-foot setback from the wetland would result in greater environmental disturbance than the current proposal to waive the setback requirement. We'll be preparing written remarks for the Planning Board prior to their next meeting on Jan. 25.

Barbara described a potential donation from a private foundation earmarked for RR Trail maintenance. Combined with money coming from the Town for RR Trail maintenance, we have an opportunity to do some long-delayed major work. One possible plan: hire a state-certified professional to get rid of the knotweed with herbicide, then do the ditching needed to improve drainage. Barbara knows someone who's done the spraying for other local conservation commissions, and will give him a call.