



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

Dec. 13, 2017  
7:00 pm to 9:35 pm

### **In Attendance**

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

Voted unanimously to accept November minutes.

Voted to pay **\$1,375.00 to Bentley Management Group** in payment for repairs to a washed out portion of the Railroad Trail at Pratt Pond, money to come from the Preston Family Trust Fund once authorized by the Board of Selectmen.

Voted to pay **\$6,950.00 to Bentley Management Group** in payment for constructing the Mason Quarry parking lot at the end of Scripps Lane, money to come from the Conservation General Fund.

Voted to pay **\$4,452.00 to Bentley Management Group** in payment for additional excavation and fill needed to deal with the unexpected "stump dump" discovered while constructing the Mason Quarry parking lot at the end of Scripps Lane, money to come from the Conservation General Fund.

Voted to pay **\$225.00 to LaBombard Engineering, L.L.C.** for consultation on repairs to the Black Brook bridge, money to come from the Conservation General Fund.

Met with Carolina Tumminelli and Buddy Dougherty to discuss a foot race (runners and snowshoers) on the RR Trail. Buddy and Carolina see it as a potential money-making activity for the Commission to raise funds for trail maintenance and improvement. Buddy described Brookline's "Ghost Train Rail Trail Race" which netted \$22,000 (!) in 2016. The optimal date for the race is January 27 because that date is currently a "hole" in the relevant race circuit schedule. Carolina has volunteered to be the race director, making her responsible for organizing the event. After much discussion, we agreed to endorse the event contingent upon approval by the BOS. Carolina proposed a plan that uses the ball field/sand pit as a base of operations and parking area, and that requires BOS approval. Carolina will request a spot on the next BOS agenda to discuss the proposal.

Liz and Bob L. revealed we've recently started receiving "Intent to Cut" forms via email. Bob D. said he'd prefer to get the printed forms in our mailbox as before so they're available for review and discussion at our monthly meetings.

Regarding maple trees for planting on Greenville Rd., Bob D. suggested contacting our new county extension forester Ethan Belair for suggestions on tree sources.