



Mason Conservation Commission Minutes – D R A F T

November 14, 2018

7:00 pm to 9:10 pm

In Attendance

- Barbara DeVore
- Bob Dillberger
- Anna Faiello
- Liz Fletcher
- Bob Larochelle
- Rosanna Nadeau
- Ann Moser
- Matt Robinson-Liu

Voted unanimously to accept October minutes.

Met with Chief Maxwell to discuss issues related to policing and conservation land. He requested that in the future we get written permission if we need to be on private property for boundary monitoring. He also agreed with our idea of notifying dispatch when we know we'll be doing some monitoring. He also asked that we notify dispatch prior to doing work on the RR Trail (which we typically do already). Also w.r.t. the RR Trail, the Chief reiterated that it's not appropriate to allow anyone to use the trail for access for private work (i.e., for something other than Town or CC work). Also discussed various issues related to the Quarry. Agreed to schedule a meeting with the BOS to discuss (1) status of parking ordinance for the Quarry parking lot and (2) status of our OPDMD policy (which was passed to the BOS two years ago). Both need to be resolved to help the police manage the RR Trail and Quarry.

Barbara presented an itemized list of expenses incurred for the RR Trail rededication ceremony. Voted to reimburse **Barbara Devore \$158.95 for expenses related to the ceremony, money to come from the Conservation General Fund.**

Barbara reports that the spending deadline for the Ann Preston/N.H. Charitable Trust money is June 2019, not this year as initially feared. Liz raised concerns that the amount of rain we've been having might delay planned work. Agreed to request an extension to the end of 2019. Barbara will call NHCT to discuss the matter.

Barbara reported an estimate from Dan Kuusisto for removing the paint at the Jackson Rd. RR trestle: \$1,500.00. We'll send a copy to Chief Maxwell.

Regarding Jennifer Beck's gift of G-3, Jennifer says she'll be getting her own appraisal, so there's no need for us to have one done.

Regarding the Rowse clear-cut, Ann left two phone messages (to proffer an invitation to a CC meeting) but has not been called back.

Received a letter from N.H. Attorney General's office regarding the proposed amendments to the Fifield easement. The letter mentions some concerns but doesn't give details. It does say however that so much time has passed without action that their previous "No Action" letter is no longer in effect. Liz will follow-up with Craig Fifield.

Matt volunteered to gather updated residential well and timber harvest data to update the NRI to 2018.

Regarding conservation area signs, the Mitchell Brook sign is ready to install. Next will be one for the Railroad Trail kiosk, two for the Spaulding Brook land, and the Potter Homestead.

Barbara reports a Mason landowner might be interested in getting an easement on her property along Walker Brook. The parcels are probably too small for this, however.

Barbara reports that NH Fish & Game and Nashua River Watershed Assoc. will be giving a presentation in Mason on January 23. The presentation will discuss research related to cold-water streams and the fish that live there.

Anne gave a summary of her recent experience at this year's NHACC conference.

Received an anonymous donation of railroad rail (for use in building gates) valued at \$1,152.00. The rail is currently stored at Bob Begeron's house. The same donor also gave us a **check for \$3,848.00** to be used for "education outreach for both adults and children through Florence Roberts programs." **The check is to be deposited in the Conservation General fund.** Thank you anonymous donor!