



Mason Conservation Commission Special Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2019
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

In Attendance

- Bob Dillberger
- Liz Fletcher
- Bob Larochelle
- Lundy Lewis
- Rosanna Nadeau

Bob D. began the meeting by stating that he finally received a revised bid for Natural Resource inventory from Chris Kane (Kane Conservation) which reduced the price by just \$300. Kane reasoned the discount was small because they still had to do analysis of the vernal pools even though we already completed them. Liz spoke to the lack of response from Kane regarding our request for a revised scope, and the fact that he had yet to present us with a contract to sign, indicated Kane was a poor risk.

Tom Jones (PLC) said he would rather hire Rick Vanderpole now that PLC owns the project. He noted Kane's of lack of communication, failure to produce requested reports in a timely manner, and work product which were not up to their standards. He offered sending out a new request for proposal.

Bob D recommended we allow PLC to make the decision on who works on the project but offered his RFP list to PLC if needed.

Lundy moved that we end negotiations with Chris Kane and inform him we no longer needed his services now that the project was out of our hands. Bob L. seconded. The commission unanimously voted to remove him from the project.

Tom explained the current strategy is for PLC to own B-4-2 in fee with public access for passive recreation.

Fred Greenwood attended to discuss recent problems with the RR Trail gates. Fire Dept. response to a drowning call at the quarry was delayed because the Depot Road gate would not open. They cut the cross bar and drove in but could not get the ambulance through the emergency access road because the bridge which was too narrow. Fred called out the Commission for a lack of communication with the FD about specs for the bridge. Liz reminded Fred he was not the fire chief when the access road was improved and asked Fred to provide detailed specifications. Fred said he needed ability of a 37,000-pound vehicle and 15' width but there were many variables with each given situation. Fred stated the 10' wide gates were too narrow.

Fred will provide detailed measurements and specs tomorrow. Liz recommended we put in stakes, then drive the RR bed from Depot Road to Scripps lane with the forestry truck and ambulance to determine if there is enough clearance before reconstructing the 3 gates in question.

We all agreed to invite Bob Bergeron to our next meeting to design a different gate system with 20' long 2" ID. sched 80 water pipe cross bars.

Liz moved the we vote to hire Bill Downs to do a selective cutting of lot B-17-1 West half and Bob D. seconded. The vote passed unanimously. Bob L signed the service agreement.