



Mason Conservation Commission Minutes – D R A F T

September 11, 2019
7:00 pm to 9:50 pm

In Attendance

- Barbara DeVore
- Bob Dillberger
- Liz Fletcher
- Bob Larochelle
- Ann Moser
- Rosanna Nadeau

Liz moved we accept August minutes. Barbara seconded. Passed unanimously.

Received a written estimate from Bob Bergeron of \$250 for his part of RR Trail gate repair.

Met with Scott MacGarvey of the Planning Board to hear about composing a Master Plan chapter from the new Conservation Plan. Scott distributed a printed set of guidelines which we reviewed as a group. Discussion settled on the end of January as a deadline for a first draft of our chapter ("Natural Resources and Conservation").

Barbara moved we **pay Mill Metals \$360.00** for 3 pieces of Schedule 80 steel pipe for RR Trail gate repair, money to come from the Conservation General Fund. Liz seconded. Passed unanimously.

Discussed options for replacing the bridge on the quarry access road as per Fire Dept. request. A precast concrete culvert (3- or 4-sided) might be more cost effective than a custom-built wood bridge and would certainly be more durable. Bob L. will ask Dennis LaBombard to investigate concrete options. Ann reminded us that we need to discuss plans with SPNHF, the easement holder. We'd also like to see the Fire Dept. contribute money toward this work given that this town-owned facility is being upgraded at their request. Bob L. noted we're on the BOS agenda for Sept. 24 to give them an update on this project.

Bob D. gave an update on his discussion with Attny. Drescher regarding LCHIP's letter itemizing alleged violations of the Fifield easement. Mr. Drescher has sent a letter to LCHIP notifying them of his involvement and asking for additional information on one complaint. We've picked Sept. 30 as a tentative date for a meeting between relevant parties to agree on responses.

Decided on Oct. 20 as a day for a dedication ceremony for Nose Meadow in honor of the Schwenk's gift. The Bobs agreed to install the new sign Friday Sept. 20.

All agreed to officially adopt the latest draft of the Conservation Plan incorporating comments from last month's hearing. Liz will ask to have it posted on the town Web site and will print a hardcopy for the library.

Along the same lines, Bob D. will have FedEx print three copies of the updated NRI report, one for the library also.

Liz reports we've received the management plan from the Grovsteen's for their recent and planned pasture work on the Ted Stewart easement.

Reminder: Bill Stoughton from Amherst CC will be here Sept. 23 to explain his technique for keeping track of conservation land management. Whoops. Barbara reports Bill is out of town, so we might need to reschedule.

Received a letter from Dennis DiPaolo saying the view from Greenville Rd. is being obscured again by tree growth. Agreed this issue is not of immediate concern.

Bob D. reports he found a car parked within the entrance to the Mason Quarry parking lot, and suggested we put "No Parking" signs along the entrance and exit. Bob will contact Dave Morrison about getting some signs.

Bob D. and Barbara report that recent activity on H-37 on Campbell Mill Rd. next to the Esau Stanley conservation land is worth looking at to ensure the conservation land boundary is being respected. There's a lot of activity very close to the property line. We'll schedule a visit for a closer look sometime this fall.