



Mason Conservation Commission Minutes

October 8, 2008 7:00 pm to 9:52 pm

Attendees: Bob Larochelle, Bob Dillberger, Stuart Sherman, Anna Faiello, Paula Babel.

Leigh May Friedline visited regarding farm lease on Bronson Potter land at the bottom of the hill off Greenville Rd. (near the old air strip). The most desirable land is about 2.5 acres of prime farm land (as rated by USDA NRCS rating system). The strip must be free of fertilizer for 3 years to be compatible for this use. The Commission agreed the idea is worthy of further study and encouraged Leigh May to stay in touch with us as we move toward a management plan for the land.

Opened bids for the septic system work at the A-frame. Cornerstone Excavation (Eric Anderson) bid \$3,200. O'Grady Construction Co. bid \$4,775. Voted unanimously to accept the bid from Cornerstone Excavation.

Bernie O'Grady finished the Black Brook Railroad Trail bridge beam installation on Sept. 20th. Bob L. submitted his final invoice for payment. Ann solicited bids for materials to build the deck. PJ Currier bid \$1,261.61. Milford Lumber bid \$1,481.45. Holt Lumber bid \$1,952.99. Voted unanimously to accept the bid from PJ Currier. Deck work is scheduled for Oct. 18 & 19. Commission members are invited to show up as available to help out. Time sheets are available. Keep track of your hours.

Voted unanimously to pay \$276.25 from Meridian for final maps & CAD file for Fifield easement.

Received rent check from Dennis Graham for Oct. 1 thru Dec. 31 for A-frame in the amount of \$1,200. To be deposited in the A-frame account.

Received copies of all documents signed at the October 1st closing for purchase of lot B-15-1 from Si Little.

Met with Barbara DeVore regarding our endorsement for a series of presentations about owls. Expenses will be covered by an anonymous donation in the amount of \$2,000 to be placed in the general conservation fund. Agreed on Dec. 5 as the best of the available dates. Evening show will be scheduled for 7:30 PM.

Barbara brought a sample of Dodder (orange colored parasitic vine). ← An infestation has appeared at Florence Robert's house. It seems to be limited to wetland areas but the true extent is yet to be determined. It has been resistant to cutting and burning. Bob L. will contact DES to find out if there are treatment options.

Bob L. met with Robert Guiry on October 4th to assess options for a boy scout bridge crossing Spaulding Brook on Fifield easement north of the parking area. 2 sites were found to be suitable. We will be coordinating the final locations with Craig Fifield and M.A.N.E. in future meetings.

Bob L called Pierce at DES and ordered the stratified drift aquifer data layer. Still waiting for GIS dept. to deliver.

We now have access to high speed internet and a copy machine during our meetings!

