



Mason Conservation Commission Minutes – D R A F T

Oct 10, 2012
7:00 pm to 9:30 pm

In Attendance

- Barbara Devore
- Bob Dillberger
- Anna Faiello
- Liz Fletcher
- Rob Doyle
- Bob Larochelle

Voted unanimously to accept September minutes.

Reviewed report of wetlands reparations at Robinsons on Valley Rd. Looks like all issues have been addressed.

Reviewed contract with Garland re. logging on Greenville Rd. Looks OK. Bob L. signed it earlier on the Commission's behalf. Also met with Dave Baker and Barbara Currier to review logging plans. They wanted clarification on exactly what's being cut.

Dave B. also reminded us of the wells on this same property. Dave recommends that the well's be filled in. Some have openings sufficiently large to pose a risk. Dave offered to do the work. The Commission agreed.

Dave also offered to mow the RR trail. Thanks, Dave! Two passes with his 5-foot mower should do it.

Dave also mentioned a thicket of "crap" (his word) that's grown up along the roadside. Worth taking some sort of control measure? Depends on what's there. Need to go take a look.

Reiterated (again with Dave) our usual arrangement that allows the Winter Wanderers to open the RR trail gates as soon as sufficient snowfall makes wheeled travel impossible with the condition that the gates be closed and locked again when the snow melts. Voted unanimously to make this a standing policy of the Commission with the understanding that it be revisited once our OPDMD policy is fully developed.

Finally, reviewed plans for repair of the Jackson Rd. RR trestle bridge with volunteer support from Winter Wanderers and MANE. Confirmed that funding is available so the work can begin as the season allows.

Liz moved we transfer **\$10,518.13 from the Land Protection Fund to the town General Fund** to reimburse the town for our Mitchell Hill Wilderness bond payment.

Discussed getting the appraisal necessary for accepting the Mason Quarry LLC quarry land gift. Liz suggested we solicit bids for this parcel and simultaneously for an appraisal of the PSNH easement property. Will request bids from McKeon (suggested by G. Schwenk) and Haywood (town appraiser as of Jan. 1).

Discussed town-owned lands to be considered for conservation land. Bob L. suggested we arrange a series of visits to parcels of interest and all agreed. Will set up site visits over the coming months.

Discussed the need to replace the gate at the entrance to the Mitchell Hill Wilderness. Bob L. will make a visit to assess the state of the current gate. Likely it needs to be replaced.

Bob L. noted that the large rocks at the end of Mitchell Hill Rd. have been removed, making it possible to drive into the Fifield easement. Perhaps the town removed the rocks? If so, perhaps we can get the rocks and use them to block the abandoned portion further down? Liz will ask Fred Greenwood about this.

Reviewed an anonymous complaint received concerning potential wetlands violation on F-11, Old County Rd. Two Commission members have passed by the property and inspected as possible from the road. No violations are visible so no further action is possible. Aerial photos show nothing because of tree density.

Received rent check for **\$1,350 from D. Graham to be deposited in the 135 Old Ashby Rd. Fund.**