



Mason Conservation Commission Minutes – D R A F T

June 12, 2013
7:00 pm to 9:30 pm

In Attendance

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

Voted unanimously to accept May minutes.

Received check from PSNH for \$8,750 in consideration for an easement on A-11, money to be deposited in the Land Protection Fund. Selectmen confirmed our easement agreement needs a new signature page but is otherwise OK as-is. Bob L. will forward easement agreement to PSNH for their review and signature.

Liz moved we pay our bond payment on the Mitchell Brook Land for \$10,518.13, money to come from Land Protection Fund. Passed unanimously.

Jackson Rd. RR bridge has been wire-brushed and primed, but painting delayed by rain. Voted unanimously to authorize a check for full payment to Daniel Kuusisto for \$5,150, money to come from the General Conservation Fund. We request, however, that the check be delivered to the Conservation Commission (please leave it in our mailbox) so we can inspect the work before handing over the check.

Met with Martha Jacques to discuss regulations for the quarry land:

- Restricted hours are OK (common practice).
- Might consider having a car sticker or placard required to authorize parking (no fee). Rob thought the administrative overhead isn't worth it.
- What about "No alcohol". "No glass containers". Bob D. thinks the latter is maybe going too far toward micro-managing.
- Martha suggests a sign on every known path into the property.
- Could also note an ordinance on the sign rather than listing all rules. Include rule about "residents and guests" only and refer to ordinance for other regs. Martha says this approach is fine as long as the signs are clear.
- "Pets on leash" is OK.
- "No jumping/diving" is OK.
- "No camping without permission" is OK. Will need some sort of permit to issue as needed. Liz noted we'll want to designate areas where camping is allowed.
- Barbara mentioned the Selectmen expect us to write the ordinance and present to them for approval. Martha agreed to write a draft to get us started.
- Regulations on motor vehicle use are dependent on OPDMD policy which is under development separately.

Voted unanimously to cut a check to Belletete's for \$2,579.41 in payment of balance owed on the large timbers and other supplies for the Jackson Rd. RR bridge, money to come from the General Conservation Fund. Please deliver this check to our mailbox too so we can hand it over after all supplies have been delivered.

Voted to reimburse Garth Fletcher \$209.97 for payment to The Bolt Depot for bolts for the Jackson Rd. RR bridge, money to come from General Conservation Fund.

Voted to reimburse Barbara Devore \$150.00 for 40 bales of mulch hay and delivery, used to control knotweed on RR trail at Black Brook Bridge, money to come General Conservation Fund.

Liz noted that we need to ask for an extension to our Trails Bureau grant for the Jackson Rd. RR bridge repair. The grant expires June 30. Weather delays make it impossible to complete the work by then.

Discussed what appears to be a wetlands fill violation on J-81 at Marcel Rd. Agreed to send the owners a letter bringing the issue to their attention and asking for the fill to be removed. Bob L. will draft a letter.

Discussed with Walter Alford the status of the wetlands issue on his property. Walter reported, based on attendance at a recent Selectmen's meeting, that the Selectmen somehow overlooked our request for their perspective on how to deal with the problem. We're now awaiting their response so we can choose a course of action.

Regarding knotweed control at Black Brook Bridge, we need another 10 bales of hay to hold down the plastic. Walter A. mentioned that wood chips also work to hold down the plastic. Bob D. has several piles of wood chips on his property he's willing to donate. Bob will call Gerry Anderson to see if he'll loan us his front-end loader to load the chips into Bob L's pickup. On second thought, Bob L says let's finish with the hay bales and see how it goes.

We reviewed the proposed lot line adjustment and consolidation plan for B-14-1, 2 & 3 per NRPC request. It appears lots have been combined to create a larger lot which allows for current use areas. We had no objections.