



Mason Conservation Commission Minutes – D R A F T

July 10, 2013
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

In Attendance

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

Voted unanimously to accept June minutes.

Accepted a donation from Walter Alford of 20-ft x 25-ft 6 mil black plastic for knotweed control. Thank you, Walter!

Walter updated us on the status of his complaint about road work which filled a wetland on his property. Walter sadly feels he has no choice but to file a complaint with NH DES and legal counsel. The CC is no longer involved in this matter.

Received check from Dennis Graham for \$1,350 for rent on 135 Old Ashby Rd. Money to go in the 135 Old Ashby Rd. Fund.

Bob D. moved we pay a bill for \$402.50 from Attny. Drescher for services rendered relevant to the Mason quarry project, money to come from the Conservation Fund. Passed unanimously.

Rob moved that we pay Belletete's \$2,579.41 for supplies for the Jackson Rd. RR bridge repair, money to come from the Conservation Fund. Passed unanimously.

Discussed a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open the new Jackson Rd. RR bridge. Agreed that September would be a nice time for this affair, when the bugs and humidity have passed. Ann and Barbara will coordinate.

Discussed Memorandum of Understanding proposed by Selectman Moser to move the quarry project forward. Not much to do here but wait.

Discussed plans for a ceremony to mark completion of the quarry deal. Can't really plan anything concrete however until the deal is done.

Received nice letter from Kate Messer (see page 2) expressing appreciation for our land protection efforts. Thanks, Kate. Very nice to get positive feedback from the townsfolk.

Barbara brought up the topic getting some *Galarucella* beetles to attack purple loosestrife in town. Beetles are \$0.35 each and a minimum of 1,000 beetles are required. On Bob D's suggestion, Barbara will contact NRWA for advice about using the beetles for this purpose. We agreed at least that a place to start is with a good accounting of the infestations in town. Barbara will pursue this as well (although Bob D. reminded us of the invasive plants map we started last year expressly for this purpose).

Discussed RR trail grading at south end we discussed last month. Rob would like to survey the knotweed growth before proceeding with this work to make sure we don't spread it. Bob L volunteered to help. Bob and Rob will coordinate.

Brief discussion about the new Town Web site. Posting news items and events would be a good way to keep the town hooked into our work. Barbara will investigate.

Old Home Day: We'll have the usual table with conservation stuff. Ann suggested offering a sign-up sheet for volunteers.

Dave Morrison asked if he could reclaim a large flat rock left on the Potter Land while doing road work on Greenville Rd. Bob L moved we give Dave permission to take the rock to use as a step. Passed unanimously.

Barbara mentioned that the Planning Board, which has new members, would like a repeat of the NRI presentation as an educational session. Agreed to gladly provide this service at a TBD time this fall.

Bob L mentioned we have some timbers left over from the Jackson Rd. RR bridge job. Bob D thinks we should hold onto them; could be very useful for building foot bridges. Ann says we can return them for a refund which is even better. Of course we need to transport them. Bob L volunteered his pickup for this. Ann will call Belletete's to confirm they'll take them back.

Bob L noted that Eric Anderson has inquired about leasing some of the Potter land for grazing (he initially approached us about this a while ago). We confirmed that such land use is dependent on first developing a management plan for the area, which is dependent on completion of the NRI, which is dependent on completion of the Mason quarry deal. But we can at least agree to work on a management plan for this land ahead of other parcels (which is a good idea anyway considering the size of this property).

Bill Downs reports the Greenville Rd. view logging operation is on hold because the site is currently water logged.