



## **Mason Conservation Commission Minutes – D R A F T**

Jan. 13, 2016  
7:00 pm to 9:30 pm

### **In Attendance**

- Bob Dillberger
- Anna Faiello
- Liz Fletcher
- Bob Larochele
- Lundy Lewis
- Ann Moser

Voted unanimously to accept December minutes as amended.

Received rent check for \$1,350.00 from Dennis Graham for rent on 135 Old Ashby Rd. Money to be deposited in the Old Ashby Road Fund.

Voted to pay \$709.10 to Fieldstone Land Consultants for work done on the Mason Quarry parking area, money to come from the General Fund.

Voted to pay \$475.00 to Bentley Management Group, Inc. in payment for moving the Scripps Ln. railroad trail gate, money to come from the Railroad Trail Fund. The new gate should be much more usable by horseback riders.

Received email from Chief Maxwell regarding the private shooting range on B-17-4 (the target backs up on conservation land). Chief Maxwell reports he spoke with the landowners and they'll be adjusting the target to address our safety concerns.

Voted to pay Liz Fletcher \$29.16 (money to come from the General Fund) to reimburse for reflective tape Liz bought and applied to railroad trail gates as recommended by DPR on their recent visit.

Received a donation of \$50.00 from Mark Hammond Revocable Trust, money to be deposited in the General Fund.

Re last month's conversation with NRPC, agreed Bob L. will send them the GIS trail data we've got with the provision that it remain private.

Reviewed Ann's draft annual report. Made some minor edits.

Re Schwenk Nose Meadow gift, it turns out no lot line adjustment is needed because the deed shows the property as a separate parcel. Attny. Tom Quinn recommends we give it a separate tax map number, however.

Bob L. got email with two contacts at Eversource to ask about the overbuilt road recently constructed across two conservation easements along the powerline right-of-way. As we read the easement, such roads are not allowed. We'll request of Eversource that the road be removed where it crosses the conservation land.

Liz raised a concern about trees growing in the stone support wall at the Jackson Road RR Trail bridge. It's possible the trees will eventually loosen the wall. Thus, they should probably be removed. Ann will contact some contractors and get some prices.

Bob L. mentioned the RR Trail is in need of grading in several places. It was suggested to contact our new road agent to see if we could once again enter an agreement to have the highway crew maintain the trail surface from time to time. Bob also noted that in theory we should be sharing maintenance costs with the Forestry Committee. Also agreed to change the budget line item wording from "RR Trail maintenance" to "Land management expenses" to accurately reflect the way the money is being used.

Discussed possible mitigation for pipeline-caused wetlands damage. We need to develop a list of possible mitigation projects. There's apparently some kind of deadline (from TGP) of Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, but we've received no notice of such a deadline.