



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

May 11, 2016
7:00 pm to 10:30 pm

In Attendance

- Bob Dillberger
- Barbara DeVore
- Anna Faiello
- Liz Fletcher
- Bob Larochelle

Voted unanimously to accept April minutes.

Received quote from Marsha Beecy for appraisal of the Nose Meadow parcel: \$1,600-1,700.

Met with Bruce & Linda Ward, and Craig Fifield to discuss possible changes to the Fifield easement. They're investigating plans to add the cottage lot to the farmstead so the entire property is more saleable. The bulk of the questions seem best answered by the Planning Board or BOS; the conservation easement would not be affected significantly. Liz suggested we write a letter to LCHIP endorsing the plan.

Met with Kane Conservation (Chris Kane & Jeff Littleton) about mitigation projects. Chris and Jeff gave an overview of the results for the contracted Phase I work. This ends their current contractual obligation. It's not clear if we'll have funds to continue with Phase II (on-the-ground verification), but we asked Chris to give us a price for this work so we can consider it. Also, Chris asked us to provide information on current use status for the twenty parcels suggested as mitigation projects. Bob D. will work with Kathy (BOS secretary) to get this information.

Discussed tree cutting on conservation land along the powerline right-of-way. Turns out Eversource had sent the required notifications, but the CC is out of the loop on such things. Bob L. asked Eversource if we could be added to the list for future notifications.

Bob L. has a new contact at Eversource for dealing with the cutting and road issues: Mr. Michael Stanek. We'll be dealing with him from now on. Liz will send copies of previous emails about the road to Mr. Stanek.

Agreed to add our signature to Richard Husband's letter to the PUC asking for publication of tariff-related information associated with the Access Northeast pipeline. Eversource is asking for a tariff (for all customers in New England) to support this pipeline but wants to keep the relevant figures private.

Agreed to suspend indefinitely our plans for a town-wide water testing event. It's still a good idea, but not pressing given the current NED status.

No news from relevant parties regarding the Mason Quarry parking lot easement on Scripps Ln. Nothing more to be done at this time.

Bob L. reports there's a fellow in Greenville living along the RR Trail who's offered to retrieve our trail gate and replace it at or near the town line. We agreed Bob should follow up on this idea.

Re. black plastic at Black Brook bridge on the RR trail, Bob D. visited there this week and agreed with Liz that the plastic looks awful and needs to be removed. Agreed to meet Sat. May 28 at 10:00 AM to do the job. Bob D. will bring contractor trash bags.

Received check for \$2,501.55 from Chappell Farms in partial payment for the logging operation on the Spaulding Brook land, money to be deposited in the general fund.

Received a money order for \$100.00 from Carlos Aleis (parent of person convicted for trespassing at the Mason Quarry). It's not clear that the money belongs to us, however, and we'll discuss the matter with the police dept. before deciding on disposition.

Voted to pay G.W. Shaw & Son, Inc. \$130.00 for a dumpster for Road Cleanup Day, money to come from the general fund.

Bob D. brought up an idea from Rob Doyle about designation part of the fields on the Greenville Rd. hill as bird habitat, which requires a particular mowing schedule. Agreed this is an idea worth pursuing. Bob D. will discuss further with Rob.