



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

July 12, 2017
7:00 pm to 9:30 pm

In Attendance

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

Voted unanimously to accept June minutes as amended.

Received check for \$1,350.00 from Dennis Graham for July-to-September rent on the A-frame, money to be deposited in the Old Ashby Road Fund.

Received check for \$40,950.00 from Ann Preston by way of N.H. Charitable Trust, money to be spent on RR Trail restoration, repair, and maintenance. This and other conditions are enumerated in an accompanying letter (see page 2). The money will be handled in accordance with a process established by the Mason Selectmen. Liz will compose an official letter of thanks.

Voted to proceed with an appraisal of parcel E-7 by Marsha Beecy. Liz will provide copies of the original deed and plan. Bob L. will provide the deed and plan of the 3-acre subdivision (E-6).

Bob D. will accompany Lee Gilman on an invasive plant survey of the RR Trail this Friday, July 14.

Discussed need for repairs at Black Brook Bridge on the RR Trail which recently sustained storm damage (see page 3). Agreed it's prudent to contact Dennis Labombard (Town engineer and original bridge designer) to seek his opinion on how best to proceed. Also agreed to contact Al Williams of Winter Wanderers to ask if they'd contribute to the cost of repair or otherwise help out.

During a trails-related discussion, Chris Leask (attending as a member of the public) offered to make signs for us identifying conservation lands and trails. Bob D. volunteered to work with Chris on this project.

Barbara volunteered to investigate sources of sugar maples for planting on Greenville Rd.



June 27, 2017
Town of Mason Select Board

Re: Gift from New Hampshire Charitable Foundation

A generous donor wishes to make a significant gift to the Mason Conservation Commission, through NH Charitable Foundation. This will provide funding for restoration of the Mason Rail Trail, a valuable seven-mile long asset through town. We are hopeful of completion in fall of 2018, with a rededication ceremony as Mason's 250th Celebration grand finale.

Gift details:

- (a) \$40,970.00 (forty thousand nine hundred seventy dollars)
- (b) These funds may be expended exclusively for Mason Rail Trail restoration, repair and maintenance.
- (c) Both the principal (\$40,970.00) and any interest earned from the gift may be expended for such purposes, as needed, in the judgment of the Conservation Commission. This grant is to be extended by June 30, 2019.
- (d) A copy of an official document from NH Charitable Foundation will be provided to the Trustees of Trust Funds.
- (e) A grant identification number (GrantId) will be issued upon formal approval, and check issued, by NH Charitable Foundation.
- (f) Payments of expenditures will be requested by Conservation Commission, approved by Select Board, and administered by the Trustees of Trust Funds.

The Mason Conservation Commission requests that Mason Select Board accept this donation under RSA 31:19.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Robert B. Larochelle
Chairman

