



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

August 9, 2017
7:00 pm to 9:20 pm

In Attendance

- Bob Dillberger
- Barbara DeVore
- Liz Fletcher
- Lundy Lewis

Voted unanimously to accept July minutes as amended.

Voted to pay a bill from **The County Store for \$101.94** for new locks for RR trail gates, money to come from the General Fund.

Met with Meg Howe and Cody Maxwell to discuss they're using the Greenville Rd. overlook for their wedding this fall. They have considered all the small issues we raised (parking, sanitary facilities) so we have no objection.

Agreed to hire Lee Gilman & Associates to use herbicide on the RR Trail to control invasives and poison ivy only. We'll mow to control native tree seedlings and saplings that are encroaching on the trail. Bob D. will communicate our decision to Lee and ask him to also treat the few Japanese Knotweed that have surfaced at the Black Brook Bridge.

Met with Dave Baker to discuss poison ivy at the Greenville Rd. overlook that needs attention before it gets completely out of control. Agreed to ask Lee Gilman if he can take care of this while he's working on the RR Trail.

Dave also mentioned the old dead maples north of his house should be removed, as they're decaying and dropping branches onto the roadway. Liz would like to see at least one of them left standing for wildlife use. We agreed Dave should discuss this with Dave Morrison and see if he can do the work.

Reviewed Amos White's proposal for repairs of the Black Brook Bridge. Amos's proposal differs somewhat from the recommendations we received from Dennis Lobombard, so Bob D. suggested we ask Dennis to review and comment on the proposal before we make a decision.