



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

Nov. 8, 2017
7:00 pm to 10:15 pm

In Attendance

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

Voted unanimously to accept October minutes.

Voted to pay Bentley Management Group, Inc. \$1,200.00 to add an additional culvert pipe on the Mason Quarry access road, money to come from the Conservation General Fund.

Voted to pay Bentley Management Group, Inc. \$4,600.00 to repair the RR Trail bridge at Black Brook, money to come from the Preston Family Trust Fund once authorized by the Board of Selectmen. Several members commented on the excellent repair job done here. There's general agreement that the bridge is now better than it was originally.

Discussed dealing with the RR Trail wash-out north of Pratt Pond Rd. Perhaps this spot is a good place for a culvert to prevent future problems. Regardless, the need for repair is immediate. Voted to hire Amos White to make the repair.

Reviewed and approved a proposed 2018 budget with some corrections. Bob L. will submit the budget tomorrow. Agreed to ask for a modest increase this year. Note that our overall budget has been around \$2,000 for at least 20 years. If we'd been receiving only a 3% increase for inflation over that period, the total budget would now be over \$3,600.

Received three bids for constructing the Mason Quarry parking lot at the end of Scripps Ln. (\$9,820 from Shattuck Paving, \$9,000 from Tibodeau Paving, \$6,950 from Bentley Mgmt. Group). Voted unanimously to accept the low bid from Bentley Management Group, Inc. (Amos White). During the discussion, we realized we'll need to remove a stone wall on the Mason Quarry land (not the parking lot easement area) which probably requires approval from SPNHF (easement holder). Liz volunteered to contact SPNHF.

Time for some conservation land boundary monitoring. Bob & Bob volunteered to check Fifield and Spaulding/Doonan. Liz wants to look at the house lot boundaries on the d'Arbeloff easements.

Discussed Bob L's idea of having a 10K race on the RR Trail as part of Mason's 250th anniversary celebration next year. There was general agreement that it's a good idea, and Bob should pursue it. A question arose about police support at road crossings; Barbara will follow up with Chief Maxwell.

Barbara reports 50 lbs. of drugs were collected at drug take-back day, a good "haul".

Barbara reports a potential septic system failure on Jackson Rd. with runoff potentially reaching Rocky Brook. Agreed this really is an issue for the Board of Selectmen, not the Conservation Commission. Agreed to send a letter to the BOS bringing this matter to their attention.