



Mason Conservation Commission Minutes

December 12, 2018

7:00 pm to 8:54 pm

In Attendance

- Barbara DeVore
- Bob Dillberger
- Bob Larochelle
- Rosanna Nadeau
- Matt Robinson-Liu

Voted unanimously to accept November minutes.

Walter Valentine has approached the BOS about donating two parcels to the Town, one of which is E-10 (38 acres). Kathy Wilde asked Bob L. if the CC would accept E-10 as future conservation land. After brief discussion, the CC voted unanimously to accept E-10 considering its proximity to existing conservation land and the fact that it's the site of Wolf Rock, an important historical landmark.

Additionally, Kathy's e-mail identified the other parcel as E-15. However, according to NH Tax Kiosk, Mr. Valentine doesn't own E-15 but rather E-18 (71 acres). A typo is suspected. Regardless, if Mr. Valentine is indeed offering to donate E-18, the CC would be extremely interesting in acquiring this parcel for conservation land because of its size and prime location adjacent to large established conservation holdings. The CC voted unanimously to express interest in acquiring E-18 as conservation land if it is offered to us.

Together, these two parcels would go a long way to helping us achieve long-term conservation goals of a town-wide trail system, and an "emerald necklace" of conservation land surrounding town center.

Voted unanimously to pay **Bob Dillberger \$40.98** as reimbursement for money spent on materials for conservation land signs, the money **to come from the Conservation General Fund**.

Voted to **pay Bentley Management Group \$800.00** for regrading the parking area and rail trail adjacent to Pratt Pond, money **to come from the Preston Rail Trail Trust Fund**.

Voted to **pay Bentley Management Group \$2,600.00** to construct a bridge to replace two failed culverts on the Mason Quarry emergency access road, money **to come from the Conservation General Fund**.

Bob D. volunteered to draft our annual report with a contribution from Barbara about our Old Home Day activities. Report is due Jan. 23, 2019.

Bob D. has acquired some wood for making conservation land signs, but it's green and must be seasoned before use. So there's no much we can do until Spring.

Still no word from BOS on the status of our proposed OPDMD policy. We need to get this addressed ASAP.

Re. Jen Beck's gift of G-3, the title report is done and deed prepared by Tom Quinn. Jen is working on deed restrictions with her lawyer.

Matt has obtained updated domestic well data to be incorporated into the NRI. He'll send it to Bob D. as soon as his computer is repaired.