



Mason Conservation Commission Minutes

Jan. 9, 2019

7:00 pm to 8:50 pm

In Attendance

- Barbara DeVore
- Bob Dillberger
- Anna Faiello
- Liz Fletcher
- Bob Larochele
- Ann Moser

Voted unanimously to accept December 2018 minutes.

The CC has been contacted by Mr. Peter Stauble, heir to the Al Stauble estate. Mr. Stauble is enquiring if the CC would be interested in purchasing on behalf of the Town parcel B-4-2 (274 acres on Abbott Hill Rd.) as conservation land for \$600,000 (which turns out to be the assessed value). However, it's not clear if probate must be complete first, and Kathy Wilde says there's a third party involved. Regardless, we discussed various potential sources of funding, including the N.H. ARM fund. Barbara contacted them and found they will be distributing money in 2019 and are willing to meet with us. Another option: N.H. DWG (Drinking Water and Ground) Trust Fund. It also might be worth contacting SPNHF to see if they might be interested in partnering with us. Bob D. will contact Bryan Hotz at SPNHF.

Discussed a recent letter from LCHIP to Craig Fifield regarding proposed changes to the easement on the Fifield Tree Farm. LCHIP is asking for additional information before they can make a decision about the proposed changes. Liz will write up a response to their request reflecting our thoughts.

Regarding Walter Valentine's pending land gifts, Bob D., Barbara, and Rosanna attended the most recent Forestry Committee meeting to offer advice on how to proceed. We agreed to help them get started by writing some letters (to Thomas Quinn and Marcia Beecey) to kick off the required appraisals, title searches, and deed preparations for both parcels. The CC will serve as contact point for this work, and keep the Forestry Committee informed.

Rosanna brought up the idea of starting a project to collect and preserve some of the expert knowledge embodied in our members. Good idea. She'd like to start a series of conversations with members to collect useful knowledge for future new members.

Regarding the Rowse clear-cut, Liz will follow up with Ridge Mauk (N.H. Alteration of Terrain Program) to see if anything's happened regarding a potential proof-of-water-quality violation. Haven't heard anything since an e-mail last month.

Barbara reports that NRWA is coming to Mason for a public program on Wed. 1/23 @ 7 PM as part of their 50th anniversary program.