



Mason Conservation Commission Minutes

October 9, 2019
7:00 pm to 9:15 pm

In Attendance

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

Barbara moved we accept September minutes. Ann seconded. Passed unanimously.

Liz moved we pay \$41.00 from the Conservation General Fund to the Monadnock Ledger-Transcript for advertising our public hearing on the Conservation Plan. Ann seconded.

Barbara moved we pay \$2,500.00 from the Land Protection fund to M.H. Beecy Appraisal Services for an appraisal of E-10. Bob L. seconded. Passed unanimously.

Ann moved we pay \$2,500.00 from the Land Protection Fund to M.H. Beecy Appraisal Services for an appraisal of E-18. Anna seconded. Passed unanimously.

Agreed to put both appraisal reports on CD, one (E-10) for us and one (E-18) for the Forestry Committee, and to put on printed copy of E-10 report in our files.

Re. the Mason Quarry emergency access road, Liz moved we install a 12-foot wide prefab three-sided concrete culvert (with span sufficient to cross the stream bed) as recommended by Dennis LaBombard and Amos White at an estimated cost of \$6,300. Barbara seconded. Passed unanimously. Liz will follow up with SPNHF to ensure we get a response from them so we know for sure that they approve of this approach.

Re. RR Trail repair work by Amos White, Amos asks that we stake the location to install the gate to be retrieved from Greenville. Bob L. will take care of this. Also, Amos suggests applying gravel to entire trail to simplify future maintenance, and suggested we apply for a grant from the Recreational Trails Bureau to cover the cost. Barbara will investigate this option.

Bob D. reports that the RR Trail surface is being degraded in some spots by heavy horse use. The nature of horses is such that they loosen and pit the trail surface, making it less suitable for other uses, especially wheeled vehicle use. Bob suggested we consider a policy asking horses to stay to one side or the other so one "lane" will remain fairly smooth and well-packed for other users.

Barbara reports the Chief Maxwell would like three additional keys for the RR Trail gates. Bob L. will take care of it.

Bob L. reports that Bill Downs has marked the Spaulding Brook land to be harvested and would like us to take a look and confirm he's marked the area we want. Bob L. and Bob D. will take a look this weekend.

Regarding LCHIP's complaints about the Fifield Easement: Bill Drescher failed to meet his commitment to have a draft letter to LCHIP prepared in time for tonight's meeting. Bob D. will follow up with him to find out when we can expect it. Bob D. moved we pay \$964.00 from the Land Protection Fund to Drescher & Dokmo, P.A. in payment for services related to this issue. Liz seconded. Passed unanimously.

Barbara reports that the police department is seeking contributions to cover the cost of Drug Take-Back Day (\$37.50/hour). We decided to pay for two hours of the time. Will vote to pay when invoice is received.

Confirmed Oct. 26th at 1 PM as the date and time for the Nose Meadow dedication ceremony. Bob D. & Bob L. will meet at noon to gather and set up some chairs. Barbara will arrange other details.