

Mason Conservation Commission Approved Minutes

Mar. 10, 2021, 7:00 PM to 8:51 PM

This meeting was held electronically using the Town of Mason Zoom account under authority of Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #16 temporarily modifying the requirements for public access to meetings under RSA 91:A. The Right-to-Know Law meeting checklist was followed.

Attendance by roll call:

- Chuck Andersen present
- Barbara DeVore present
- Bob Dillberger present
- Liz Fletcher present
- Bob Larochelle present
- Lundy Lewis present
- Ann Moser present

Alternates:

- Matt Robinson-Liu present
- Rob Doyle absent
- Charlie Lanni absent
- Rosanna Nadeau absent
- Chris Pratka present

Members of the public attending: Garth Fletcher, Curt Spacht, Dick Stockdale

Liz moved we waive reading of the Right To Know Law meeting announcement. Bob L seconded. Liz: aye, Bob L: aye, Ann: aye, Lundy: aye, Bob D: aye, Chuck: aye, Barbara: aye. The motion passed.

Liz moved we accept the February 2021 minutes as amended. Lundy seconded. Barbara: abstain, Chuck: aye, Liz: aye, Lundy: aye, Bob D: aye, Bob L: aye, Ann: abstain. The motion passed.

Liz moved we pay \$39 to New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissioners for three NH Municipal Conservation Commission handbooks. Lundy: seconded. Barbara: aye, Chuck: aye, Liz: aye, Lundy: aye, Bob D: aye, Bob L: aye, Ann: aye. The motion passed. Money to come from the General Fund. Budget category: Training and Education.

Bob L reports we've received two checks for \$11,700.72 and \$18,237.89 for logging B-17-1. Money to be deposited in the General Fund. Budget category: Timber harvest.

Bob L spoke with Bill Downs about management plans for the Potter lands. Bill is semi-retired and no longer does this work. We might ask our County Extension Forester or PLC for recommendations. We also might look into pursuing an NRCS grant to fund the work; NRCS will have a list of TSPs (technical service providers) from which we must choose.

Bob D reports he's given Chris Leask three sign blanks to be routed, one for the Potter Homestead and two for the Spaulding Brook Land.

Re. illegal camping at the Greenville Rd. overlook, Barbara reports the Chief Maxwell told her the BOS has recently passed an ordinance outlawing unauthorized camping on all town-owned land, so the police now have some power to deal with the situation.

Received an email asking about the proposed addition of wetlands buffers to the planning ordinance. Liz will refer the person to the Planning Board for further action.

Liz mentioned the BOS wants us to black out the items about camping and fires that appear on signs at the Mason Quarry, so these lines read simply "No Camping" and "No Fires". We can paint over the signs once the weather warms.

Discussed possible solutions to the parking problem at the Scripps Ln. Quarry lot (other than closing the parking area permanently). Agreed to invite Chief Maxwell to our April meeting to discuss ideas.

Re. memorial bench for Anna Faiello. Liz reports we have collected almost enough money for a granite bench. Agreed to use the new bench to replace the existing bench at the Greenville Rd. overlook, and move the old bench to the Florence Roberts Forest to replace the one that was stolen from there.

Barbara reports the next Drug Takeback Day is scheduled for April 24. Barbara will coordinate with the police.

Barbara reports she's working with Charlie Lanni to arrange the annual roadside cleanup.

Bob D moved we adjourne. Lundy seconded. Barbara: aye, Chuck: aye, Liz: aye, Lundy: aye, Bob D: aye, Bob L: aye, Ann: aye. The motion passed.

Action Items

See relevant minutes for more information about these items.

Added	Done	Who	Item
July 2020	Feb 2021	Barbara	Contact Chief Maxwell regarding camping and trash at the Greenville Rd. overlook, and about any existing relevant ordinances that cover town-owned land (including conservation land).
Feb 2021	Feb 2021 Feb 2021	Bob L Bob D	Talk with Bill Downs about developing a forest management plan for the Potter lands. Make progress on signs for Potter Homestead and Spaulding Brook Land.
Mar 2021		Liz Bob D Liz Barbara	Refer John Bryan to the PB in response to his email about the proposed wetlands buffer ordinance. Contact PLC about pursing an easement on the Potter lands. Contact NRCS about possible grant for forest management plan on Potter lands. Contact Louise Lavoie about getting on BOS agenda to discuss Potter easement idea. Invite Chief Maxwell to come speak with us about possible solutions to the parking problem at the Mason Quarry. Add Jennifer Beck property (G-3) to NRI maps and report.