



Mason Conservation Commission Minutes

June 9, 2021, 7:00 PM to 9:40 PM

Attendance:

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

Alternates:

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

Barbara moved we accept the May 2021 minutes. Liz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Liz moved we pay **County Stores in Milford \$5.59** for black spray paint. Money to come from the "town conservation expense line". Bob D seconded. Passed unanimously. Budget item: Supplies.

Bob L reports the BOS has a goal of implementing the Mason Quarry parking permit process in time for July 4. Ann reports (via email) the placards have been ordered and are scheduled for delivery within a week. Bob D presented a draft design for signs explaining the new process (attached). All agreed the sign wording needs to be reviewed by BOS and Police before any signs are ordered.

Reviewed and approved Bob D's draft letter to potential foresters to do forest management plans. Bob L will send Bob D a PDF of CC letterhead plus his signature facsimile. Bob D will produce the four letters and email them to our candidates.

Discussed Bob D's concern about horses on the Mason Rail Trail making the trail surface unsuitable for mountain biking. Bob D suggested allocating lanes on the trail for different uses. Another option might be to finish resurfacing the trail; the sections resurfaced recently are less affected by horses. Bob D will make an attempt at using GPS to identify those sections that need resurfacing so that cost can be estimated.

Chuck reported on his recent trip to the Mason Quarry with the Native Plant Trust. They successfully (re)discovered some Small Whorled Pogonia (an endangered plant).

Discussed possible locations for the Anna Faiello memorial bench. The best option suggested seems to be near the Bode statue at town center. Will need to seek BOS approval for this site. Bob D also suggested we consider the newly acquired Jennifer Beck lot.

Discussed long-standing plans to replace aging maples along the Greenville Rd. Overlook. Chuck says Spring or Fall is best for planting, so nothing to do right now.

Barbara raised the idea of a dedication ceremony this fall for the Jennifer Beck lot.

Discussed possible ideas for Old Home Day on 9/11. Would be good to show updated conservation land map and trails map. Chuck suggested we also develop some kind of display illustrating the value of wetlands to support the proposed wetlands buffer ordinance.

Bob D moved we adjourn. Liz seconded. The motion passed Unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Action Items

See relevant minutes for more information about these items.

<i>Added</i>	<i>Done</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>Item</i>
Mar 2021		Bob D	Add Jennifer Beck property (G-3) to NRI maps and report.
Apr 2021	Jun 2021	Bob D	Draft letter of enquiry for forest management plans.
	May 2021	Barbara	Tell Wally about decision to change mowing schedule for Potter field on Old Ashby Rd.
May 2021	May 2021	Ann	Review quarry parking placard design with Chief Maxwell and order placards.
	May 2021	Bob L	Take a first look at the new email account.
	May 2021	Liz	Draft letter to Albright Trust regarding our potential interest in the Lost Valley parcel.
Jun 2021		Bob L	Send letterhead DOC/PDF to Bob D.
		Bob D	Prepare letters to foresters and send 'em.
		Liz	Send Bob D. contact info for potential foresters
		Bob D	GPS the rail trail to identify bad sections
		Barbara	Ask BOS about siting Faiello bench in town center.
		Bob D	Check with Chris Leask about signs.
		Liz	Update Anna's relatives & friends re. Memorial bench.

Mason Quarry Parking

Parking for Mason
Residents Only

Parking Permit
Required

**To request a permit, contact Mason
Police or Mason Town Clerk**

Please park responsibly