



Mason Conservation Commission D R A F T Minutes

Nov. 10, 2021, 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM

Attendance:

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

Alternates:

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

Barbara moved we accept the October minutes. Liz seconded. Passed unanimously.

Liz moved we **pay County Stores \$8.97 for flagging, and pay County Stores \$24.15 for flagging and paint**. Barbara seconded. Passed unanimously. Money to come from the budget fund.

Barbara reports the BoS has authorized Dave Morrison to help clear the beaver blockage on Scripps Lane. Dave will inspect the site and develop a plan for initial clean-up so beaver control professionals can reach the area.

Liz has contacted three professionals who deal with beaver problems. After discussion, Liz moved we engage Mike Callahan (Beaver Institute) and Chuck Crowe (Bestway Wildlife Control) for the next step, a site assessment from which they can develop an accurate estimate of the work required. Barbara seconded. Passed unanimously. Liz will let the contractors know.

Met with Michael Chang, owner of parcel G-36-1, to discuss Rail Trail washouts caused by failure or release of the beaver dam on that parcel. The dam breached about a year ago causing one washout, since repaired. The second occurred earlier this year. The first happened before Michael owned the parcel. Michael said the second breach was caused by dam failure shortly after Hurricane Ida passed by. Michael expressed interest in installing a beaver deceiver to control water flow. Liz will send Michael contact information for the professionals we're working with.

We've been contacted by a representative of a local land owner who might be interested in donating two parcels for conservation. Barbara will contact PLC for an initial conversation about their interest and the process to follow.

Discussed options for fixing the log positioning at the parking area on Greenville Rd. Eversource failed to follow directions and placed logs in a way that blocks access to the parking lot. Barbara will try to reach our Eversource rep. about placing the logs properly.

Reminder: second public Planning Board hearing on proposed wetlands buffer ordinance is Nov. 17.

Barbara reports that Harry Spears says the Forestry Committee has approved having the CC Trails Committee and volunteers do trail work on Town Forest. Bob L. says work is unlikely to begin until Spring.

Barbara reports the police collected 27.5 pounds of drugs at the recent Drug Take-Back Day.

Bob D. announced his resignation from the CC.

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	Nov	Bob D	Add Jennifer Beck property (G-4) to NRI maps and report.
Sep 2021		Chuck	Check on maple tree stock availability.
		Bob D & Bob L	Arrange conservation land sign installation
		Chuck	Contact Jen about adding attachment capability to Web contact form
		Chuck	Check with Winter Wanderers about tracked ATV use on Rail Trail
		Chuck	Identify state contact person for Nose Meadow sign damage and repair
Oct 2021		Barbara	Follow up with Neil Lambert about quarry graffiti removal.
	Nov	Bob D.	Start work on sign for Jen Beck parcel.
	Nov	Liz	Forward emails about training.
	Oct	Liz	Contact beaver control experts re. Scripps Ln. bridge
	Oct	Bob D.	Make another attempt to contact Shepherd's in Townsend re. RR Trail surfacing.
	Oct	Ann	Ask Dane Rota about speaking at the wetlands ordinance hearing on 10/27.
		Bob L.	Investigate further into the missing pop-up.
Nov 2021		Liz	Contact two beaver pros to arrange site assessments
		Barbara	Talk to PLC about potential land donations.
		Barbara	Contact Eversource about proper log placement at the overlook.