

Mason Conservation Commission Minutes

July 12 2023, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Attendance:

- Chuck Andersen present
- Barbara DeVore absent
- Liz Fletcher present
- Bob Larochelle present
- Lundy Lewis present
- Ann Moser present
- Chris Pratka absent

Alternates:

- Charlie Lanni absent
- Michelle Horowitz- present
- Rosanna Nadeau absent

Minutes: Ann moved we accept the June 10 minutes as amended. Liz seconded. Passed unanimously.

Visitors: Mason resident Conrad Nelson visited to learn about the operations of the CC.

Bills to pay: None.

Finance: Received \$1500 from Dennis Graham for rent of the A-frame house on 135 Old Ashby Rd., Mason

Letters Received: Received letter from New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources Division of Forests and Lands regarding a variance from the provisions of RSA 227-J:9 to remove 50 percent of the basal area along 400' of Valley Rd on parcel K-4 which is the Old Schoolhouse lot belonging to the town.

Action Items Review: Completed.

CC email: Received results of Mason Quarry water testing for bacteria, sample taken July 6 and analyzed by Chemserve. Ecoli levels were 27, below NH swimmable limit of 88. Water testing will be done monthly throughout the summer.

Discussions:

We discussed the bids for repairing the roof on the A-frame house on 135 Old Ashby Rd., Mason. Ann moved that we accept the quote provided by Kelco Construction LLC for \$12,100. Bob seconded. Passed unanimously.

We discussed the bids for repair of Railroad Trail wash-outs near Scripps Lane and Morse Rd, including grading, ditching, and placement of rocks to block access from Coyne Lane to the Quarry and to block access from Wilton Rd and Greenville Rd to the Valentine trail system. Liz moved that we accept the quote from KS LLC General Contracting for \$4790. Bob seconded. Passed unanimously.

We discussed the possibility of parcel A-13 for conservation.

We discussed Michelle's training on Wetland Regulation.

We discussed Michelle's birdwatching idea and the Mason Big Day of Birding on Greenville Road on October 14th. We all agreed that it would be fantastic. More coming.