



Mason Conservation Commission Minutes

November 8 2023, 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM

Attendance:

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

Alternates:

- Charlie Lanni – absent
- Rosanna Nadeau – absent

Minutes: Liz moved we accept the October 11 minutes as amended. Barbara seconded. Passed unanimously.

Visitors: Amanda Cannon came to discuss easement monitoring. Conrad Nelson came as a visitor and potential alternate commissioner.

Bills to pay: Liz moved we pay \$28.55 to The County Store for monitoring supplies. Barbara seconded, passed unanimously. Funds to come from CC budget, purpose Land Management.

Action Items Review: Completed.

Finance: None

Letters Received: Received rent from Dennis Graham for \$1500 to be deposited in the Old Ashby Road fund.

Email: None

Discussions:

We talked with Mason resident Amanda Cannon about easement monitoring on their property, scheduling an inspection, and other general questions about future projects. We were impressed with Amanda's conscientiousness about the terms of the conservation easement, e.g. we discussed (i) the possible future clearing and agriculture use of a stretch along Black Brook Road and (ii) methods to deal with invasive plants, among other things.

We planned inspections of several conservation easements.

We discussed the recent meeting with Board of Selectmen about conservation of tax title parcel A-13 on Pratt Pond Road.

We discussed Scripps Lane erosion/stormwater management. We received a response from NHDES and forwarded it to the Town and now await a response from Dave Morrison/Selectmen on next steps.

We discussed State and UNH Extension considerations regarding the DOT issues on the two route 123 Wetlands. Bob L to contact our Beaver control contractor for recommendations to go back to the DOT with.

We discussed the need for regular maintenance on branches, rocks and debris that cause the ditches to fill up and flood/erode the trail. Bob L. to ask the trails committee to include the rail trail as part of their regular stewardship activities.