



Mason Conservation Commission Minutes

December 13 2023, 7:00 PM to 10:04 PM

Attendance:

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

Alternates:

- Charlie Lanni – absent
- Rosanna Nadeau – absent
- Conrad Nelson - present

Minutes: Barbara moved we accept the November 8 minutes as amended. Liz seconded. Passed unanimously.

Visitors:

Bills to pay: Liz moved we vote to reimburse Barbara DeVore \$1000 for cost of Eyes on Owls programs conducted on Oct. 5th for School and Community. Chris seconded. Barbara abstained. Passed unanimously. Funds to come from CC budget, purpose: community education.

Action Items Review: Barbara says Chris Leask does not need funding for trail sign materials, Rail Trail Kiosk map can be printed by Chucks brother-in-law. Liz is working with LCHIP to install an updated sign 12x15" ID sign at Autumn Frost Farm to replace the faded existing sign. Bob will discuss maintenance of RR trail drainage ditches by trails committee. Bob will discuss with Chuck Crow estimate to install beaver deceivers on Nose Meadow and culvert near Barret Hill Road which needs coordination with NHDOT. Bob sent text to Chuck Crow. Barbara to invite Emily Sumner to January meeting.

Finance: We discussed having any remaining balance from our annual budget account placed in the RR trail maintenance fund. We agreed this is good to do since the need for maintenance is ongoing.

Letters Received: Cathy Schwenk, thank you letter for GGS trail creation and opening ceremony.

Email: Cannot access at this time

Discussions:

Discussed installing cameras at the quarry, Hunter access to private land. Fifield easement, Maloon, Grovesteen, Doonan monitoring. Discussed preplanning our next logging operation at least 3 years ahead. Thank you letter for the trail committee and invite them to a Turtle program in February. NE Equestrian Center of Athol is asking for a trail ride on the RR trail and the need for a group user fee but need to research before determining a fee. Need to do Annual report for January meeting! Need to send comments to PB for Ruggiero campground hearing for AOT permit and septic disposal methods.