



Mason Conservation Commission DRAFT Minutes

Nov. 11, 2020, 7:00 PM to 10:10 PM

This meeting was held electronically using the Town of Mason Zoom account under authority of Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #16 temporarily modifying the requirements for public access to meetings under RSA 91:A. Liz Fletcher acted as host. The Right-to-Know Law meeting checklist was followed.

Attendance by roll call:

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

Alternates:

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

Members of the public attending: Diana Larochelle, Dave Baker, Ken Spacht.

Liz moved we accept October 2020 minutes as amended. Bob D seconded. Barbara: abstained, Bob D: aye, Liz: aye, Bob L: aye, Lundy: aye. The motion passed.

Liz moved we pay the balance of **\$750.00 to The Water Store** as final payment for installing an air radon mitigation system at 135 Old Ashby Rd. Bob L seconded. Barbara: aye, Chuck: aye, Liz: aye, Lundy: aye, Bob D: aye, Bob L: aye. The motion passed.

Liz moved we reimburse **Bob Dillberger \$156.99** for supplies used to build railings on the quarry access road bridge. Lundy seconded. Chuck: aye, Bob D: aye, Barbara: aye, Lundy: aye, Bob L: aye, Liz: aye. The motion passed.

Discussed bids received for surveying the boundary line between H-37 & H-38. Bob D moved we accept the bid from Meridian for \$2,050 for surveying and marking the line. Lundy seconded. Chuck: aye, Bob D: aye, Barbara: aye, Lundy: aye, Bob L: aye, Liz: aye. The motion passed. Bob L will sign the authorization form and send it to Meridian.

Met with Sam Taylor from NH Div. of Forests and Lands to discuss using the north end of the rail trail for logging on Russell Abbott State Forest. Sam gave an overview of his plans. Bob D observed that we previously decided to disallow RR Trail use for anything other than CC or Town business (in response to a request from Bill Downs). We also have a record of Chief Maxwell asserting the same point of view. After discussion, it was decided it would be prudent to solicit an opinion from the BOS on the question before making a decision.

Met with Brian Kelly (Greenville Rd.) to discuss cutting overgrowth that's encroaching on the view at the south end of the overlook. Brian says small trees are starting to grow in. Agreed to meet at the site at 10 AM on Tues. Nov. 17 to survey the possible work.

Discussed plans for haying the fields at the Greenville Rd. overlook. After discussion with Dave Baker and Ken Spacht, Liz moved we sign the revised hay lease with Ken with the term changed from three to two years. Barbara seconded. Chuck: aye, Bob D: nay, Barbara: aye, Liz: aye, Bob L: aye, Lundy: aye. The motion passed.

Barbara reports we are in receipt of \$425 as restitution for damage to the field at the Greenville Rd. overlook. The money is to be deposited into the General Fund.

Barbara reports Drug Take-Back Day collected nearly 30 pounds of drugs. Much thanks to the Mason PD for their help in protecting our water supplies.

The Bobs report the new railing are installed on the concrete bridge/culvert at the Mason Quarry access road. The bridge surface now has 11' 9" of clearance.

Re. Trails Committee, Bob D observed that our adopted policies are not being followed. Bob L suggested we meet with our trail volunteers now that we have some experience, and review the policies to see if they need revision.

Liz moved we adjourn. Barbara seconded. Chuck: aye, Bob D: aye, Barbara: aye, Liz: aye, Bob L: aye, Lundy: aye. The motion passed.

Action Items

See relevant minutes for more information about these items.

| <i>Added</i> | <i>Done</i> | <i>Who</i> | <i>Item</i> |
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| July 2020 | | Barbara | Contact Chief Maxwell regarding camping and trash at the Greenville Rd. overlook, and about any existing relevant ordinances that cover town-owned land (including conservation land). |
| Sept 2020 | Oct 2020 | Chuck | Talk to Harry Spears about Forestry Committee funds for RR Trail maintenance. |
| Oct 2020 | Oct 2020 | Bob D. | Contact NRCS or CES seeking an opinion about using commercial fertilizer at the Greenville Rd. overlook. |
| | Oct 2020 | Bob D. | Ask Rob Doyle when to cut fields to protect birds. |
| | Oct 2020 | Bob L. | Seek bids for surveying the H-37/H-38 boundary. |
| | Oct 2020 | Bob D. | Sketch design for guardrails on quarry access road bridge. |
| | Oct 2020 | Liz | Contact Eversource about acquiring wooden utility poles to use a barriers against illegal vehical trespass. |
| | Oct 2020 | Liz | Ask Scott MacGarvey if he can help move timbers left over from RR trestle reconstruction. |
| Nov 2020 | | Bob L | Send signed authorization to Meridian for H-37/H-38 boundary work. |
| | | Bob L | Approach BOS to discuss the question of allowing the RR Trail to be used for logging on Russell Abbott State Forest. |
| | | Liz | Ask Dave Baker to send a bill for restoring the field at the Greenville Rd. overlook. |
| | | Bob L | Arrange a meeting with trail volunteers to review relevant policies. |