



# Mason Conservation Commission DRAFT Minutes

July 8, 2020, 7:00 PM to 9:11 PM

This meeting was held electronically using the Town of Mason Zoom account under authority of the Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #16 temporarily modifying the requirements for public access to meetings under RSA 91:A. Pete McGinnity, Selectman, 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 – present**
- **Liz Fletcher – present**
- **Bob Larochele – present**
- Lundy Lewis – absent

Alternates:

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

Members of the public attending: Pete McGinnity, Garth Fletcher, Diana Larochele.

---

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

Liz moved we pay **\$200 to Bob Bergeron** for rebuilding two RR Trail gates. Bob L seconded. Money to come from the General Fund. Liz: aye, Chuck: aye, Bob D: aye, Barbara: aye, Bob L: aye. The motion passed.

Liz moved we **pay \$2,440 to Cornerstone Excavation** (Eric Anderson) for replacing two RR Trail gates, for installing a new granite capstone on the Scripps Ln. stone bridge-culvert, and for placing boulders to block off the Mason Quarry parking area. Money to come from the General Fund. Anna seconded. Anna: aye, Liz: aye, Chuck: aye, Bob: aye, Barbara: aye, Bob L: aye. The motion passed.

Because Scripps Ln. is not conservation land, Liz suggested we seek reimbursement for that part of the preceding expense: \$940. Liz suggested the Forestry Committee might be willing to contribute. Bob D suggested the Town of Mason should help given the public safety issue, but Pete noted state law forbids maintenance of Class VI roads unless classified as emergency access right-of-way. We might want to investigate that designation for the future.

Bob L read a nice note from Piscataquog Land Conservancy thanking us for helping with their Nissitissitt Headwaters Project.

Reviewed Quarry-related issues. Parking area has been closed off and signs placed as planned. Also, both downed RR Trail gates have been replaced. However, Bob L reports both gates were difficult to lock; Bob Bergeron has agreed to fix this issue. Also, the crossbars need painting. Bob L has ordered the paint, and some additional locks too.

Chuck reported on the activities of the BoS subcommittee looking into parking enforcement on Scripps Ln. It turns out the existing ordinance allows police to ticket with a fine up to \$1,000.

Bob L moved that we work with Chris Pratka to develop some activity-specific signs for the Quarry (No Fires, No Diving, etc.). Liz seconded. Bob D volunteered to work with Chris to put together specifications and an order. Liz: aye, Chuck: aye, Bob D: aye, Barbara: aye, Anna: aye, Bob L: aye.

Bob L reported that Dave Baker contacted him about camping and trash at the view on Greenville Rd. It's unclear if this activity is illegal. Barbara will contact Chief Maxwell and seek his opinion.

Bob D presented his draft policy for the Trails Committee and Trail Stewards. All agreed with the general approach. Bob will accept comments on the document by email until Saturday (7/11) and will publish an updated draft. When the CC is happy with the draft, the Trails Committee will meet with trail volunteers to discuss it with them.

Reviewed some additional comments about the Conservation Commission chapter in the Master Plan. All agreed with the proposed changes.

Re. radon at the Old Ashby Rd. property, Bob D gave the opinion that test results gathered so far indicate that water radon remediation is warranted (according to state guidelines) so further testing isn't needed. All agreed. Bob D will resume the search for contractors.

Liz moved we adjourn. Bob L seconded. Anna: aye, Liz: aye, Chuck: aye, Bob: nay, Barbara: aye, Bob L: aye. Passed.

## Action Items

*See relevant minutes for more information about these items.*

<i>Added</i>	<i>Done</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>Item</i>
<b>Jan 2020</b>		Bob D.	Draft checklist of conditions to monitor for Fifield easement.
<b>Feb 2020</b>		Chuck	Review Rail Trail signs w.r.t. to new OPDMD policy.
<b>May 2020</b>		Bob D	Investigate contracts for radon remediation at Old Ashby Rd.
<b>June 2020</b>		Bob D	Follow up with Kathy & NHMA about Right-To-Know training. (Bob D, Liz, Bob L)
June 2020		Liz	Draft letter to Native Plant Trust about conditions for future visits.
June 2020		Liz	Draft letter to Mike Judge re. water resource protection during development.
June 2020		Bob D	Respond to enquiry about trail flooding off Merriam Hill Rd.
		Chuck	Notify snowmobile club about downed trails signs. Awaiting contact info for club.
June 2020		Bob D	Follow up with trail volunteers about clearing downed trees at Flo. Roberts Forest.
		Bob L	Contact Amos White about fixing the RR Trail washout.
June 2020		Bob L	Contact Dave Baker about repairing damage at the overlook.
		Bob D	Research professionals to perform radon tests at Old Ashby Rd. property.
June 2020		Liz	Contact Eversource about site restoration after pole replacement.
<b>July 2020</b>		Bob L	Send snowmobile contact info to Chuck.
		Bob D	Draft set of specific signs for the Quarry and work with Chris P. to get proofs developed and place an order.
		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).
		Bob D	Incorporate feedback on Trails Committee document and publish revised draft.
		Bobs	Meet with trail volunteers to present and discuss Trails Committee guidelines.