



Mason Conservation Commission DRAFT Minutes

August 13, 2020, 7:00 PM to 9:56 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. Bob Larochelle 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 Larochelle – present**
- **Lundy Lewis – present**

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: Curt Spacht, Kathy Chapman, Garth Fletcher, Dennis Graham.

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

Liz moved we pay **Bentley Management Group \$10,650** for work on the RR Trail and Mason Quarry:

- Install access road culvert at Mason Quarry: \$7,400
- Close gaps in Scripps Lane stone culvert, add geotextile: \$750
- Fix RR Trail washout south of Depot Road: \$2,500

Money to be come from various funds: \$8,150 from General Fund, \$1,400 Land Management annual budget, \$1,100 from RR Trail fund. Anna seconded. Anna: aye, Barbara: aye, Bob D: aye, Bob L: aye, Chuck: aye, Liz: aye, Lundy: aye. The motion passed.

Liz moved we pay **Lamarre Concrete \$1,512** for the remainder owed on the 3-sided culvert to replace the bridge on the Mason Quarry access road, with money to come from the General fund. Bob D seconded. Anna: aye, Barbara: aye, Bob D: aye, Bob L: aye, Chuck: aye, Liz: aye, Lundy: aye. The motion passed.

Liz moved we pay **Tom Quinn \$550** for reviewing the Piscataquog Land Conservancy deed for B-4-2, with money to come from the Land Protection fund. Anna seconded. Anna: aye, Barbara: recused herself, Bob D: aye, Bob L: aye, Chuck: aye, Liz: aye, Lundy: aye. The motion passed.

Liz moved we pay **County Stores (Milford) \$78.49** for paint for RR Trail gates, with money to come from the General fund. Bob D seconded. Anna: aye, Barbara: aye, Bob D: aye, Bob L: aye, Chuck: aye, Liz: aye, Lundy: aye. The motion passed.

Liz moved we pay **NHACC \$250** for membership dues, money to be taken from the CC expenses annual budget. Anna seconded. Anna: aye, Barbara: aye, Bob D: aye, Bob L: aye, Chuck: aye, Liz: aye, Lundy: aye. The motion passed.

Bob D. gave an update on finding a contractor for radon mitigation at Old Ashy Road. Five contractors were contacted; two submitted bids. After discussion, Bob D moved that we accept the bid from The Water Store for air mitigation contingent upon the results of some additional research that Chuck will pursue. We'll pursue water mitigation only if air mitigation proves inadequate. Anna: aye, Barbara: aye, Bob D: aye, Bob L: aye, Chuck: aye, Liz: aye, Lundy: aye. The motion passed.

Regarding the Mason Quarry emergency access road, Chief Greenwood did a trial run and reports the new bridge and gates are sufficient, as is the remainder of the access road. The only caveat is the rocks along the edge of the new culvert bridge that narrow the right-of-way. We will replace the rocks with something less constrictive.

Chief Greenwood also reported having trouble opening some of the RR Trail gates. Bob L confirms all locks are keyed the same, so a single key should open them all.

Discussed options for dealing with the Mason Quarry parking area problems. Several ideas were discussed. The idea of permitted parking has strong appeal. Agreed we need to develop our own proposal. Decided to form a subcommittee to pursue the issue. Chuck, Liz, and Bob L volunteered.

Reviewed bids and plans for additional quarry signage. Bob D moved we accept the quote from 5S Store for 16 plastic signs at a cost of \$475.36. Anna: aye, Bob D: aye, Bob L: aye, Chuck: aye, Liz: aye, Lundy: aye. The motion passed. Bob D will follow up with Chris.

Regarding current Rail Trail signs w.r.t. to the ADA OPDMD wording: Do we need to reword the signs? From what Chuck found, no. However, it might be a good idea to post a simple additional sign stating OPDMDs are allowed, and referring to the web site for details. Chuck also found it's OK to have a town-wide policy rather than a separate policy for each property or trail.

Re. Trail leading to quarry from Coyne Ln., rather than dealing with the trouble of putting in a gate, we agreed to block access with boulders or logs, leaving only enough room for horses and snowmobiles.

Bob D moved we adjourn. Liz seconded. Anna: aye, Bob D: aye, Bob L: aye, Chuck: aye, Liz: 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>
June 2020		Chuck	Notify snowmobile club about downed trails signs.
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).
Aug 2020		Bob L	Double-check the RR Trail gate locks off Sand Pit Rd. and follow up with Chief Greenwood to ensure he has the right key.
		Bob D	Follow up with Chris P. about ordering quarry signs.
		Bob D	Distribute link to Right-to-Know webinar recording.
		Chuck	Do additional research about air radon mitigation w.r.t. concrete block foundation.
		Liz	Draft checklist of conditions to monitor for Fifield easement.