



Mason Conservation Commission Final Minutes

Dec. 9, 2020, 7:00 PM to 8:59 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 – absent**
- **Bob Dillberger – present**
- **Liz Fletcher – present**
- **Bob Laroche – 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: Dorothy Minior, Garth Fletcher

Bob D moved we accept November 2020 minutes. Liz seconded. Bob D: aye, Bob L: aye, Lundy: aye, Liz: aye. The motion passed.

Liz moved we pay **Meridian Land Services, Inc. \$1,774.30** for surveying and marking the boundary line between H-37 and H-38, with money to come from the Stewardship Fund. Lundy seconded. Bob D: aye, Bob L: aye, Lundy: aye, Liz: aye. The motion passed.

Liz moved we pay **David Baker \$425.00** for repairing the hay field at the Greenville Rd. overlook after illegal vehicle use at the site, with the money to come from the General Fund. Lundy seconded. Bob D: aye, Bob L: aye, Lundy: aye, Liz: aye. The motion passed.

Bob D volunteered to write this year's annual report. He'll have a draft ready for review before our meeting on 1/13/2021 meeting. Final draft of the report is due 1/18/2021.

Liz reported on a site visit to the Greenville Rd. overlook with Brian Kelly (Greenville Rd.). Brian has volunteered to cut brush and small trees in the area to maintain the view. All present at the visit agreed Brian seems a good choice for this work, particularly given his willingness to accept suggestions and abide by our wishes for the work, plus the fact that he's volunteering labor and equipment at no cost to the CC. Liz suggested we notify Ken Spacht about this arrangement given that he'll be haying the field. Liz will email Ken.

We've been approached by residents at the overlook on Greenville Rd. who are asking that we consider moving the parking lot there further north so unruly visitors are farther from nearby residents. While not opposed to the idea, Bob D suggested residents proposing this change should cover the cost (if any) as the action would benefit only those making the proposal. Bob L suggested we first get cost estimates before further discussing funding. All agreed that consulting Dave Morrison is a good first step because the road crew routinely uses the lot as a turnaround when plowing snow. Bob L will speak with Dave.

Bob L reports he's contacted Marshall Buttrick (Greenville CC chair) about blocking access to the newly cleared trail on the Bronson Potter Land off Greenville Rd. at the Greenville-Mason town line. Since our trail volunteers cleared the trail, 4WD vehicles have been driving in there, damaging the trail and disturbing wetlands.

Discussed various schemes for trail marking systems and signage. The Trails Committee will continue to research options.

Bob L received a copy of the map of H-37 from Meridian showing the newly surveyed boundary line. Bob L has made the map available to the BOS and the Building Inspector. After discussion, we agreed we should discuss with the BOS the question of having the survey plan recorded at the Registry of Deeds. Bob L will ask to be on the BOS agenda.

Discussed possible locations for a memorial bench for Anna Faeillo. Maybe the Greenville Rd. overlook which Anna appreciated quite a bit.

Liz noted that with Anna's passing, we're now short one full member. Liz will speak to our alternate members, starting with Ann Moser, to see if one of them would be interested in the position.

Liz reported on efforts to add wetland buffers to Mason's planning ordinance. The PB has asked her to collect information from nearby towns about their wetlands buffer ordinances. She's received some initial data from NHACC.

Regarding easement monitoring, all relevant properties are done or soon will be.

Liz noted that Brenda has advised us that the \$10,000 from the Forestry Committee has been deposited to our accounts. The money is reimbursement for the Mason Quarry emergency access road bridge and Rail Trail repairs.

Re. "mysterious" brush cutting along the Mason Rail Trail north of Pratt Pond, it's unlikely we'll ever know who's responsible for the cutting, and the reason for the cutting is unknown. There's really nothing to be done.

Bob D moved we adjourne. Liz seconded. Bob D: aye, Bob L: aye, Lundy: aye, Liz: 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>
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).
Nov 2020	Nov 2020	Bob L	Send signed authorization to Meridian for H-37/H-38 boundary work.
	Nov 2020	Bob L	Approach BOS to discuss the question of allowing the RR Trail to be used for logging on Russell Abbott State Forest.
	Nov 2020	Liz	Ask Dave Baker to send a bill for restoring the field at the Greenville Rd. overlook.
	Nov 2020	Bob L	Arrange a meeting with trail volunteers to review relevant policies.
Dec 2020		Bob D	Write draft of annual report before Jan 2021 meeting.
		Liz	Notify Ken Spacht about Brian Kelly's plans to manage brush at the overlook.
		Bob L	Discuss with Dave Morrison the idea of moving the parking area at the Greenville Rd. overlook.
		Bob L	Ask Kathy to get on the BOS agenda to discuss recording the survey plan for H-37.
		Liz	Speak to alternate members about possible full membership.