



# Mason Conservation Commission Minutes

Feb. 10, 2021, 7:00 PM to 9:03 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 Larochelle – present**
- **Lundy Lewis – present**
- Ann Moser – absent

Alternates:

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

Members of the public attending: Garth Fletcher

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Liz moved we waive reading of the Right To Know Law meeting announcement. Lundy seconded. Bob L: aye, Liz: aye, Chuck: aye, Bob D: aye, Lundy: aye. The motion passed.

Liz moved we accept the January 2021 minutes as amended. Lundy seconded. Bob L: aye, Lundy: aye, Chuck: aye, Bob D: aye, Liz: aye. The motion passed.

Bob L noted we've received two checks from the logging operation on B-17-1 totaling \$17,241, the money to be deposited in the General Fund.

We discussed the idea of exploring a conservation easement on the Potter lands and adjacent Crathern land to provide permanent protection to prevent the lands being converted to non-conservation purposes. Liz moved we contact PLC to help with this project and to serve as easement holder if the relevant PLC board agrees. We also need to discuss this idea with the BOS. Bob L: aye, Chuck: aye, Lundy: aye. Bob D: aye, Liz: aye. The motion passed. Also, Liz has been exploring possible funding aid from the Forest Legacy project (a federal funding program). The land qualifies because the land is in the Squannacook R. and Nissittissit R. watersheds.

Discussed BOS recommendations to add camping and fires to the list of activities prohibited at the Mason Quarry Land in the relevant Town ordinance. Bob L noted that George Schwenk wanted to allow camping by the Boy Scouts, but that his desire is not written in his will or the property deed. Bob D noted that because this is a Town ordinance, it's unclear whether the Conservation Commission has any say in this matter. Regardless, Liz moved we approve the changes suggested by the BOS. Lundy seconded. Bob L: aye, Lundy: aye, Chuck: aye, Bob D: nay, Liz: aye. The motion passed. Bob Larochelle will sign the revised ordinance as indicated.

Liz presented the current Planning Board proposal to add 50-foot wetlands buffers to Mason's planning ordinance. During discussion, one open question arose about how to deal with vernal pools which can be difficult or impossible to identify during much of the year. Liz will present this question to the Planning Board.

Liz asked about the status of signs planned for the Bronson Potter Homestead and Spaulding Brook land. This work was put on hold when the virus struck, but Bob D will re-apply himself to the task and work with Chris Leask to get these signs done.

We discussed a recent request from the town accountant to list the Expense Name/Category in Meeting Minutes, along with the checking accounts they are coming from, when we vote to pay bills. All agreed to specify this information as expenses arise during the year.

Bob D moved we adjourn. Liz seconded. Bob L: aye, Chuck: aye, Bob D: 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>
<b>July 2020</b>		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).
<b>Jan 2021</b>	Jan 2021	Bob L	Let Randy Haight know we won't be doing any more survey work on H-37.
	Jan 2021	Bob D	Contact PLC to discuss protection for Potter lands.
<b>Feb 2021</b>		Bob L	Talk with Bill Downs about developing a forest management plan for the Potter lands.
		Bob D	Make progress on signs for Potter Homestead and Spaulding Brook Land.