

Mason Conservation Commission Minutes

August 10 2022, 7:00 PM to 9:00

Attendance:

- Chuck Andersen absent
- Barbara DeVore absent
- Liz Fletcher present
- Bob Larochelle present
- Lundy Lewis present
- Ann Moser present
- Chris Pratka present

Alternates:

- Charlie Lanni absent
- Rosanna Nadeau absent

Minutes: Bob moved we accept the July 13 minutes as amended. Ann seconded. Passed unanimously.

Bills to pay: Liz moved we pay Melport, LLC d/b/a/ ChemServe Environmental \$31.50 for water testing. Ann seconded. Passed unanimously. Funds come out of the general fund, purpose of expense is land management.

Letters received: None.

Action Items Review: Done.

CC email: Received bill from Melport/ChemServe for water testing. See Bills above.

Visitors: None

Other:

The test of the quarry water by Melport/Chemserve was within acceptable limits for recreational use. See Bills above.

We discussed the BoS's ideas on methods of weekend enforcement of visitor policies for the quarry.

We discussed the BoS's idea about limiting out-of-town parking at the quarry to 10 vehicles selected by lottery. We agreed that it is not a good idea.

We discussed methods to paint over the graffiti on boulders and ledges at the quarry.

We discussed the town's roadside mowing scheduled for August. We recommend that it wait until late September when pollination of flowers is completed, and to avoid mowing knotweed to prevent spreading it along the roadside.

We discussed subdivision regulations. We agreed to recommend amendments that would (i) incorporate runoff controls from proposed wetlands provisions and (ii) add "contiguous" to acreage in the multi-family section.

We discussed Barbara's idea to get involved with the Harris Center's Kestrel Box program since we have Kestrels at several places in Mason. We'll do it.

Kudos to Bob Dillberger and Bob Larochelle for fixing the Nose Meadow sign. Thank you!