



## Mason Conservation Commission Minutes – D R A F T

April 10, 2013  
7:00 pm to 10:13 pm

### In Attendance

- Bob Dillberger
- Liz Fletcher
- Bob Larochelle
- Barbara Devore
- Anna Faiello
- Ann Moser

Voted unanimously to accept March minutes.

Met with Walter Alford regarding apparent wetland filling on his property by Mason highway department. The filling was reportedly done to control erosion but was done without a DES wetland permit or landowner notification. The affected area seems to be a spring that previously would seep under the road into the nearby wetland. The filling reportedly interferes with this flow. Bob L. suggested we consult the Town engineer for an informed opinion about how to fix the issue so that the road and the landowner's interests are both protected. Liz proposed we follow this suggestion and ask the Selectmen to call in the Town engineer for this consultation, and suggest that any cost for the consultation be shared by the Selectmen and the CC. Liz agreed to e-mail the Selectmen on this matter. Mr. Alford asked to be kept in the loop. He can be reached at [walford@hotmail.com](mailto:walford@hotmail.com) or 552-5335.

Met with Chuck Anderson to discuss his concerns about recreational use proposed for the Mason Quarry land. He's particularly concerned about swimming. We noted that at this point, it's more a question for the town lawyer and insurance agent than for the CC, and that these issues are under intense scrutiny as part of the ongoing easement negotiations. Chuck would like to hear the report of the upcoming site visit by the Selectmen, insurance agent, and CC.

Received rent check from Dennis Graham for \$1,350, to be deposited in the 135 Old Ashby Road fund.

Agreed to meet on Sun. 4/14 at 10:00 A.M. to start marking boundaries (especially corners) at the Mason Quarry in preparation for the wildflower survey to begin in May. Meet at bottom of Scripps Ln. on the RR Trail.

Bob D. moved we pay Drescher and Dokmo \$700.00 for our share of the recent legal fees for the Quarry easement from the general conservation fund. Liz seconded. Passed unanimously.

Dave Baker gave us an update on Jackson Rd. bridge repairs. If MANE does their work on the April 20<sup>th</sup> (as currently planned), the Winter Wanderers can remove the timbers on May 4<sup>th</sup> starting around 8:30 A.M. Dave also mentioned that **the plywood surface will be removed this Saturday (4/13) so the "Bridge closed" signs must go up ASAP.** Liz will call Fred Greenwood to let him know.

Dave Baker also resurrected the idea of getting some fill for use on the Greenville Rd. property. Bob D. has plenty to offer (no charge). Fred Greenwood has offered to transport the material at cost, to be paid for from CC funds. Dave will contact Fred to get an estimate for the work.

Our thanks go out to Barbara DeVore for her tireless public outreach work at town events, community suppers and voting day regarding the Quarry easement (article 11). Barbara has volunteered to notify Jackson Rd. residents of the bridge repair work schedule so they can plan accordingly. She'll deliver or mail postcards to each affected household.

Liz suggested we ask Eric Anderson for advice on keeping the black plastic (for knotweed control) in place at Black Brook Rd. It's come loose again. Bob D. will ask Eric for his suggestions.

Got an update from Barbara on another drug take-back day coming up on the last Saturday in April at the Mason PD.

Liz reported new price info for Jackson Rd. bridge timbers. Belletete's offers rough cut timbers with special (environmentally friendly) preservative for bridge use for less (\$4,571.32) than Currier's with standard preservative (\$4,744). Belletete's would like 50% down. Liz moved we order bridge timbers from Belletete's for the aforementioned price with 50% (\$2,285.66) to be paid in advance from the land protection fund. Passed unanimously. Agreed delivery must be coordinated with Eric A. so they can be installed immediately after delivery.

Bob L. recently spoke with Cynthia Hajjar regarding her role in the commission since her membership has lapsed. She would like to remain available to the commission as a consultant but will not be an official member. Her degree in environmental management could be valuable in future projects.