



Mason Conservation Commission Minutes – D R A F T

March 12, 2014
7:00 pm to 9:30 pm

In Attendance

- Rob Doyle
- Liz Fletcher
- Bob Larochelle
- Barbara Devore
- Ann Moser
- Anna Faiello

Voted unanimously to accept Feb. minutes.

Voted unanimously to pay \$2500 invoice to M.H. Beecy Appraisal Services for Quarry appraisal from land protection fund.

Voted unanimously to pay \$600 invoice for Quarry timber appraisal to Downs Forestry Services from land protection fund.

Discussed view cut logging project which will be finished in the next few days. Bob L met with Bill Downs and Ben Coll (logger) to make final inspection.

Discussed New England Wildflower Society Botany survey of Mason Brook area per maps provided by Bob L with George & Cathy Schwenk, Amanda Weise. Two 6 person teams will do the survey in 4 visits. NH does not have ordinances to protect rare species like MA so no risk to land owner if rare species are found. Need to consider how info is organized as this will affect the price. Aquatic plant survey to be done on edge of marshes (margins only). Need info for May timeframe.

Emily and Lauren Messer of US Pony Club need Equine Conservation Project. They will work to establish a trail addition on Florence Roberts south this summer.

Jen Weimer (DRED Forest Health Specialist) will recon the quarry cons area to identify Hemlock Woolly Adelgid population this spring to recommend treatment options.

Discussed Quarry cleanup effort for this spring. Liz mentioned making a call for help by advertizing on the town website for the second weekend of May.

Discussed giving NRPC access to Mason trail info. All agreed that Quarry area should NOT be made public. We will discuss more specifics when we have full attendance.

Mary Holland from VT will give Naturally Curious presentation this spring. Day program will be geared toward children. Ben Killam (Bear Man) will be scheduled this fall.

Bob Bergeron has volunteered to paint the gates before they are installed. Barbara DeVore to provide the paint.

Brian Hotz is working on the conservation easement for the other parcels in the center of Mason as addendum to Quarry easement. We will need to hire an attorney to mitigate complications with existing easements on Downs Forest and Coyne lot. We agreed to forward to this to town counsel.