



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

Sept. 10, 2014
7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

In Attendance

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

Voted unanimously to accept August minutes.

Jeff, Emily, Lauren & Kate Messer visited the meeting to discuss progress on the horse trail on Florence Roberts Forest. We scheduled a walk through for Sunday Sept. 14th at 10 am.

Liz moved that we pay Fieldstone Land consultants \$2103 for engineering for the quarry conservation area. Voted unanimously to pay from the conservation general fund.

Bob will call Chad to learn progress on parking design.

Bob will call Rob Doyle to get progress report on RR trail maint with WWW club.

\$56,990 total assets transferred from PDIP to Peoples United Bank at end July.

Gen Fund: \$7,797.26

RR trail fund: \$232.45

Land protection: \$20,103.03

Stewardship Fund (defending lawsuits): \$10,930.14

Old Ashby Road fund (Dennis Graham's Rent): \$17,927.20

Discussed need for funds to be separate. Decided to keep 5 funds as is, but need to transfer \$2000 from Old Ashby account to the Rail Trail fund for much needed repairs, and \$6000 to Gen fund for Quarry parking design and access road improvements.

Liz will check with Pat on minimum balance requirements and charges. She will also find out if we can get Old Ashby road money market fund which is totally liquid but pays better interest.

Discussed fee collected by selectmen for driveway crossing RR fee from Lannin.

Discussed paying for telephone fees from the Gen fund even though we can't use it.

Barbara reported that we are in the queue for (14) RR trail signs from the State prison metal work shop.

Need to check out best site for a RR gate north of Scripps lane and south of narrow guage to facilitate police enforcement. Liz will investigate.

Liz will email to Brian Hotz the 11 page letter from Drescher review of the conservation easement (3 parcels) minus the Coyne lot which because of reverter clause cannot be included in the easement.

Discussed making recommendations to new road agent for road grading to reduce of sand runoff and minimize magnesium and calcium chloride and road salt use.

Liz proposed we have a deed drawn up for C-27 gift by Tom Quinn. Passed unanimously.

Drug takeback day is scheduled for Sat. Sept. 27th from 10 am -2 pm at the Mason Police Station.