

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

Jan. 13, 2015 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

In Attendance

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

Voted unanimously to accept Dec. minutes.

Lundy Lewis and Steve Wells attended the meeting as prospective new members. Steve Wells expressed his desire to be an alternate.

Ron Dube brought pictures of turtles and snakes he took over the years. Garth will digitize the slides for inclusion on the Rare species website.

We received a check from Dennis Graham in the amount of \$450 to be deposited in the Old Ashby Road account. Dennis will be paying monthly for the time being.

Voted unanimously to pay Tom Quinn \$907.99 for C-27 title report from the land protection fund.

Received an invoice for \$330 from Fieldstone Land services for 4 hours of work which is unclear to us. The commission has tried to reach them on multiple occasions in the past months without success. Payment of the invoice will be delayed until communication has been re-established.

Made rough draft of the Annual report due to selectmen for Jan 24th.

Barbara spoke to the prison and found out that budget problems have prevented prompt response to our sign purchase request. We would like (10) 18x24 or 18x20, signs to be placed at parking lot, all entrances to the quarry, and in quarry itself. Bob D will send the text which Bob L will print in various sizes to help the commission decide on an appropriate size.

Liz read the Selectmen's proposed Warrant Articles authorizing them to oppose the pipeline. We voted unanimously to support these articles.

Liz emailed a letter to Digit Taylor and Steve Walker of LCHIP & LCIP which was forwarded to all state agencies, Governor, congress and state representatives asking for assistance with the pipeline project. We also discussed sending a certified letter to the Attorney General asking for assistance in enforcing charitable trusts and conservation easements which have been donated with the express purpose of preserving lands in their natural state. We want to encourage the Governor and entire State administration to follow the recommendations made in the "NH - 10 Year State Energy Strategy" by the NH Office of Energy Planning.

Bob D is working with Nick Coates (NHACC) to contact the 16 other commissions affected by the pipeline to coordinate information sharing.