



Mason Conservation Commission Minutes – D R A F T

Mar. 11, 2015

7:00 pm to 11:00 pm

In Attendance

- Barbara DeVore
- Bob Dillberger
- Anna Faello
- Liz Fletcher
- Bob Larochelle
- Ann Moser
- Lundy Lewis

Voted unanimously to accept Feb. minutes with additions.

Received once again Lundy Lewis, a potential new member.

Voted to pay **Bob Dillberger \$45.73** as reimbursement for reprographic services related to printing notices for the Jan. 6 Selectmen's meeting, to come from the conservation general fund.

Voted to pay **New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) \$242.00** for our annual dues, to come from the conservation general fund.

Reviewed wetlands permit filing from Fieldstone for the Mason Quarry access road. Filing docs. incorrectly include the parking area for which no wetlands permit is required. Liz will inquire.

Voted to pay **Fieldstone Land Consultants, PLLC \$1,077.60** for work on plans for the Mason Quarry access road improvements and parking area, to be taken from the conservation general fund.

Met with Dmitri Gounis (environmental geologist, from Old Ashby Rd.) to listen to and discuss advice related to environmental impacts of NED. Dmitri agreed to review our FERC/EIS comments and offer his advice.

Update on Mason Quarry ordinance signs: Barbara will follow up next week with the prison sign-making fellow. Bob D. committed (again!) to reformat the sign for portrait mode.

Discussed paying \$10,000 to SPNHF for the stewardship fund as agreed during negotiations for the Mason Quarry easement. Ann Moser proposed we pay \$2,000 per year with the money to come from the Old Ashby Rd. fund (which is currently over-funded). Voted to pay the **Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests \$2,000** toward our \$10,000 stewardship fund contribution.

The preceding discussion lead to a question about our finances, and it was mentioned that we've received no current use money (LUCT) at all from 2014 but the annual report says five houses were built last year. Was no change of use involved with these houses, or are we owed some LUCT money that is yet to be collected?

Discussed state AG response to our letter regarding NED encroachment on LCIP/LCHIP land. The AG's letter fails to address the concerns expressed in our original correspondence. Agreed that a joint (with Selectmen) response is warranted to reiterate our request for state action to defend charitable trusts given the state's vested interest in these two properties.

Liz reported on a conversation with Chris Wells of the Piscataquog Land Conservancy. They seem to be an excellent resource for future land conservation projects. Chris will visit with us at next month's meeting.

Lundy Lewis decided he would like to join the commission. We will draft a letter to the Selectmen recommending that he be appointed.

Discussed Eric Anderson's renewed request for a lease on Bronson land for a grazing pasture. Opinions on this matter are varied. It's not clear this is a precedent we want to set. After much discussion, Bob D. "moved the question" and called for a vote asking if we wish to continue to consider his request for an agricultural lease. The vote was 4 against to 2 for.