

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

Aug. 12, 2015 7:00 pm to 10:30 pm

## In Attendance

- Barbara DeVore
- Bob Dillberger
- Anna Faiello
- Liz Fletcher
- Bob Larochelle
- Lundy Lewis
- Rosanna Nadeau

Voted unanimously to accept July minutes as amended. Also voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the July 22 special meeting.

Met with Kerry Holmes, Policy Advisor for Gov. Hassan. Ms. Holmes came to hear directly our concerns about NED in Mason, and to tell us something about the Governor's position on the issue.

Met with Paul Peppin and Rick Lambour from MIT Lincoln Lab about using Town land to "host a small passive retroreflector device". The device needs to be visible from the main observatory in Westford MA. The Bronson Potter hill on Greenville Rd. fits the bill. The device is mounted on the end of a 30-to-100' extendable tower anchored on a trailer "about the size of a boat trailer." Would be used sporadically ("1 to 3 nights a week, not every week" for at most 1-to-2 years). Use would be around dusk and/or around dawn. They'll be projecting a low-power (5 milliwatt) laser from Westford to the retroreflector. This power level is "eye safe" at this distance. Hoping to install in Sept. Agreed a dry run would be worthwhile to show the trailer to the neighbors and to assess the potential visual and noise impact.

Bob D. moved we pay the <u>State of New Hampshire Dept. of Corrections \$491.19</u> in payment for RR Trail and Mason Quarry signs, money to come from the General Fund. Passed unanimously.

Discussed proposal from Fieldstone Land Consultants for a parking lot easement plan at the end of Scripps Lane. Agreed to ask them to also monument the easement which will add additional cost.

Discussed removal of drums on A-13. Liz reported the BOS doesn't want to put an easement on the property although they might be willing to designate it as conservation land. For this reason, the BOS will cover the entire cost of drum removal.