



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

Sept. 9, 2015
7:00 pm to 9:40 pm

In Attendance

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

Voted unanimously to accept August minutes as amended.

Bob L. reports the police have asked us to add identifying marks to the quarry and RR trail signs before installing them. Bob D. will engrave them.

Discussed bill for dues from NHACC. \$266.00 is not due until 2016.

Discussed revised proposal from Fieldstone Land Consultants that includes (at our request) installation of 5 pins to identify the easement boundary on D-31. Agreed to accept the proposal with the additional requirement that they let us review the plan before placing the pins.

We've received requests to make arrangements for non-residents to have access to the Mason Quarry in exchange for volunteer work. Agreed it's worth discussing with the police and the BOS. It might be reasonable to issue "Friends of the Mason Quarry" ID cards to those who put in some minimum hours of volunteer work. Will need to check the legality of this approach before proceeding. As a first step, Barbara D. will meet with the police to explain the idea.

Discussed possible timber harvest on some conservation land to fund next year's bond payment for the Mitchell Brook Wilderness. The eastern half of B-17-1 seems a potential candidate. Agreed to have John Nute (UNH-CES) come take a look and offer an opinion. Barbara will follow up with John.

Re. Old Home Day: Bob L. and Bob D. will provide one table each. Bob L. will also print updated NRI and pipeline maps to be provided by Bob D.

Reviewed the draft of a letter (requested by the Milford CC) in support of the Milford CC's application for a moose plate grant to fund an easement on the Mile Slip property. Given that the land abuts the Mitchell Brook Wilderness in Mason, it makes sense for the Mason CC to support this effort.

The question of OPDMD access to conservation land has come up again. Bob D. will distribute a new copy of his notes on this topic compiled a couple years ago when we first looked into it.

Discussed request for access to RR trail in Russell-Abbott for demonstrating satellite-based radio access. Access was requested by Parallel Wireless on behalf of Milford-Area Communications Center (MACC) for a four-day test. Agreed to allow access on the condition that the property is left in the same condition as found and in particular any damage to the trail is repaired.