

Mason Conservation Commission Minutes – D R A F T

Dec. 14, 2016 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm

## In Attendance

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

Voted unanimously to accept Nov. minutes.

Discussed recent payment by Town accountant on our behalf of \$894.49 to Tom Quinn for preparing the Nose Meadow deed. Note that the CC did not receive a bill for this work from Attny. Quinn and thus had no opportunity to review the expense before payment was made, something we'd like to avoid in the future. Regardless, we voted unanimously to retroactively authorize the payment. And we need to get a copy of the bill for our files.

Reviewed at length Ann's draft of our Annual Report submission.

Made one final pass over the proposed changes to the Fifefield Tree Farm Conservation Easement. The latest draft addresses all our concerns, with the one added suggestion that the northern portion of the old cottage lot which now has no designation be referred to as "Parcel C".

Discussed OPDMD policy for the Mason Quarry land. It was proposed we adopt the same rules as the RR Trail for the emergency access road off Scripps Lane, and add a reduced speed limit (human walking pace) for other trails because of roughness and obstacles. Barbara D. volunteered to prepare a draft.

Liz reported on a concern that the Highway Dept. continues to dig out road drainage areas and ditches that encroach upon the Grovesteen easement. Liz suggested we ask Dave Morrison to meet with Jon and Cheri and CC members to work out a remedy for this situation. Probably need to wait until Spring at this point, however.