Mason Conservation Commission Minutes

February 11 2026, 7:00 PM to 9:20 PM

Attendance:

- **Chuck Andersen – absent**
- **Barbara DeVore – present**
- **Bob Larochelle – present**
- **Lundy Lewis – present**
- **Ann Moser – present**
- **Chris Pratka – present**
- **Conrad Nelson - present**

Alternates:

- **Liz Fletcher, member emeritus – present**
- **Charlie Lanni – absent**
- **Kate Messer – absent**

Minutes: Barbara moved we accept the January 14 2026 minutes as amended. Bob seconded. Passed unanimously.

Visitors: Emilie Pray of Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) visited again to show us Avenza Maps and prep us on viewing maps and updating them. Avenza Maps is a mobile navigation app that allows for GPS navigation of static maps on a mobile device. We'll test the app for a month before making it public.

Bills to Pay: Barabara moved we pay New Hampshire Watercare Corp $31.80 (includes 1.80 interest on $30.00) for water testing in August 2025. Bob seconded. Passed unanimously. Funds to come from the Conservation General Fund, purpose land management. Bob sent Brenda "Invoice 46155545" on 2/11/2026 and we put a copy in Brenda's box.

Lundy moved that we pay Cutting Edge Forestry LLC $1,725.00 for "Consulting Forestry Work by the hour, Layout Valentine Town Forest timber sale for Mason Forestry Committee, and Timber marking and trail layout." However, the bill was erroneously billed to the Conservation Committee, thus the money was returned to the Conservation Committee.

Action Items Review: Done

Letters Received:

Email: none

Discussions:

We discussed the Conservation Commission Report for the Year Ending December 31 2025.

We discussed the total sum of conservation land in the town. To be discussed further pending project reports.

We discussed the application to the Mason Planning Board for an Excavation Permit for the Onyx Gravel Operation at 1524 Brookline Road, Mason NH, particularly with regard to wetlands buffer zones, trees, access roads, buildings, staging area, Blanding's Turtle habitats, water tables, Potanipo Pond in Brookline, and the proposed new pond. We'll provide comments to the planning board.

We discussed a Mason resident's complaint about several easements blocking public access to hiking trails. We agree with the resident's complaint and will start the process of improving access to trails on easement land.

We discussed a notification by Eversource regarding a utility maintenance project that will involve construction access and structure (i.e., utility pole) replacement within the Mason Wetland Conservation zoning district.

We discussed programs to show Eyes on Owls for Mason children and the Mason community as separate events. To be continued.