



Mason Conservation Commission Minutes

April 8 2026, 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM

Attendance:

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

Alternates:

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

Minutes: Bob moved we accept the March 11 2026 minutes as amended. Barbara seconded. Passed unanimously.

Visitors: Lyndeborough resident Tammy Wetherbee visited us to discuss parking for the Granite State Carriage Association for their horse ride on the Mason trails.

Mason resident Curt Spacht visited to observe and offer commentary on various topics.

Mason resident Christopher Bader visited us to offer his services to the Conservation Commission (CC), especially regarding the Onyx Gravel Operation proposal and the required Alteration of Terrain permit. After discussion, we agreed to submit Chris' name to the Select Board as an alternate member of the CC.

Bills to Pay: none

Action Items Review: Done

Letters Received: We received a \$1500 check from Mason resident Dennis Graham for rental of the A-frame house on Old Ashby Road for April/May/June 2026.

Email: none

Discussions:

We continued the discussion of our input to the Mason Planning Board regarding the Onyx Gravel Operation. We'll submit new and updated comments as needed. To be continued.

We discussed our \$40k contribution to Piscataquog Land Conservancy for the Anderson acquisition. Bob and Barbara will get on the agenda of the Select Board to seek permission to allocate \$40000 to acquire executory interest in the Anderson property on Morse Road.

We discussed a report of No Trespassing signs on Mitchell Brook Wilderness land. Bob investigated. It is rather a "Dead End – Do Not Enter" sign and it's OK.

We discussed the Nashua Regional Planning Commission's (NRPC) release of their online trail maps to the public. Bob moved that we authorize NRPC to release their town trail maps to the public. Conrad seconded. Passed unanimously.

We discussed a report of a trail camera on Potter South. Bob investigated. We were advised that if the cam doesn't have a name on it, it's OK to remove it. It doesn't have a name, but Bob will leave a note on it.

We discussed an idea from Shlomiya Lightfoot of the Indigenous Landscape Initiative to restore Mason parcel E-54 to an open forest ecosystem state via indigenous land management practices. We'll invite Shlomiya to a future meeting to discuss further.