



Mason Conservation Commission Minutes

Special Meeting to consider requests by Highway Dept. for work on Bronson Potter land and hayfield analysis: May 10, 2008 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Attendees: Bob Larochelle, Liz Fletcher, Bob Dillberger, Dave Baker, Dave Morrison, Deb Morrison.

Discussed items on letter from David Morrison dated Feb 13, 2008 (see page 2 & 3):

- Remove stone wall from tel pole 87 to 480 Greenville Road (about 300') to facilitate road maintenance and mowing.
 - Clear brush to access small pond across from 458 Greenville Road for pump fire truck.
 - Remove 5 dead maple trees along east side Greenville road.
 - Fell 3 dead Hemlocks on south side 882 Greenville road near Bronson Potter's house.
 - Provide fire truck access to beaver pond west of 882 Greenville road either by clearing trees from existing access road or building a hydrant 100' from pond near Pratt Pond Road intersection. Clearing the access road may invite unwanted vehicles to access Potter property. Hydrant would be about 100' long and must be 4' underground.
- **All items seemed reasonable requests which we will consider at the May 14th meeting.**

Discussed items with Dave Baker:

- Cover 3 wells on Potter property in hay field areas
- establish limits of hayfields per aerial photo observation and perambulation of property.

Dave will cover 3 wells during his routine maintenance of the area.

Analysis of maps and photos indicate Dave Baker has been haying about 25 acres of Bronson Potter's land. The suggested Cooperative Extension lease rate is \$26 per acre. The operation yields about 800 bales of hay per year at \$4 per bale. To prepare the fields for haying he must do at least 10 hours of brush clearing and spread 1 ton of fertilizer @ \$700 per ton.

Discussed item with Deb Morrison:

Create map of trail which spans Potter property from Greenville/Mason town line at Greenville Road to access south of lot C-1-1 (Currier).

Discussed item with Officer Aaron Thompson:

Request for Conservation Commission input to help with enforcement of illegal dumping on town lands by purchase and installation of a "wildlife camera" to monitor problem areas.

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Mason, NH 03048

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FERTILIZ
\$100/ton

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800 BALES \$4 per

- NORTH
- GR WALL FROM NETCO 87
 - CLEAR ACCESS FOR FIRE PUMP TO POND 600' NTH OF WALL
 - CLEAR TREES XCEPT LIVING
 - BLOCK WELL @ BLINER RD
 - CUT 2 TREES NTH OF DAVES
 - CUT 3 HEM
 - HYDRANT OR TRAIL TO BV POND
 - AARON FEB 13, 2008
- CAM



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To the Mason Conservation Committee
From Dave Morrison, Assistant Road Agent
Ref. Bronson Potter Land

I have some requests for changes to
Bronson Potter land with frontage on Greenville Rd.
These are for safety and improved maintenance
for the road

I request that Mason Highway Department
remove the dead trees and stumps on the east
side of Greenville road between Landy Lewis and
Dave Baker. This will make plowing and winging
easier and allow a cleaner mowing operation
for the haying. Also to remove the stone wall
across from Landys heading back toward Meeting house hill
Then to remove brush growing along it. This will
again help with plowing/winging and allow the haying
to keep the view clear.



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Also, closer to Bronson's house are 3 dead hemlocks. (before his driveway) I would like to cut these and drop them into the woods. We can trim them and leave to compost.

There is another hemlock that was hit by a truck a week or two ago. This is past his house toward the Greenville town line. We would cut and remove this before it dies.

Last but not least we would like to improve access to the beaver pond below Bronson's house to make it a viable fire supply pond.

Sorry this isn't composed better. I've squandered most of my free time in a plow or sand truck lately and wanted to get this to you in time for your meeting. Hope you can read my writing. Thank you for your consideration, feel free to call us for more information.

yours truly
Marc Morison

