

Meredith Conservation Commission

Meredith, NH 03253

Minutes of the Meredith Conservation Commission Meeting November 18, 2004

Meeting:

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairman John Sherman at 7:00 PM.

Members Attending:

Barbara Smyth, Ralph Pisapia, John Sherman, Robert LeCount, Jacquie Colburn. Alternate Members: Ron Kiesel Pauli Novicki, Paul DelFrari, Paula Wanzer. Guest: John Hodsdon.

Minutes:

By motion of Smyth, seconded by Pisapia and voted affirmatively the minutes of the November 4 meeting were approved.

Under Business, second paragraph change line starting with "There is a carry over: To read "There is a carry over of \$14,206.60 from the 2004 budget representing unused fund balances. It is now anticipated that the funds carried over from the Natural Resource Inventory will be used to complete this project in 2005".

Business:

Vice-Chairman Sherman reported that the farm stand on the Longridge Easement is to be rebuilt. The Commission must approve the exterior of the new building. It must maintain the historical character of the area. Plans for the new building were made available for discussion. John Hodsdon answered questions. The new building will occupy the foot-print of the now existing stand. The new construction will be one story. The outside will be pine siding, covered with clear stain. There will be no significant change in size or location of the parking lot. John Hodsdon indicated that John Moulton had suggested these plans and approved them. At the conclusion of these questions and answers by motion of Pisapia, seconded by DelFrari and voted affirmatively the Commission approved the plans as presented.

Acting Treasurer Pisapia presented the draft of the proposed budget for the year 2005. This proposed budget calls for expenditures of \$11,225.00. This amount represents a reduction of \$8,186.00 from the 2004 budget. There is a carry over of \$14,206.60 from the 2004 budget representing unused fund balances. It is now anticipated that the funds carried over from the Natural Resource Inventory will be used to complete this project in 2005.

Pisapia presented a proposed 2005 Annual Plan for Commission activities. Each line item in the Plan was discussed and wherever possible members were assigned to lead and follow-up to insure completion. Again where possible completion dates were assigned.

Vice-Chairman Sherman will contact Peter Miller to request that he prepare a write-up of Commission activities during 2004 to be included in the Annual Town Report. This write-up should be available December 18.

Committee Reports:

Open Space Committee

It now appears that the Commission may be responsible for monitoring an easement on Bear Island. This is a very complex problem involving several land sales over a period of years. Pauli Novicki has obtained copies of deeds and easement documents which will be turned over to the town attorney for review.

John Sherman to follow-up to determine the status of the proposed Town Forest Ordinance.

A packet of information, prepared by Peter Miller, was given to each member concerning the implication of the Sweetwater trust on the Eames and Hamlin properties. This packet contained the following:

- FAQs-Hamlin/Eames Easements
- Protective Language - Land and Water Conservation Fund Act
- Hamlin Covenants and Restrictions
- Tim Bates Memo - Current Version of Easement (November 15, 2004)
- Tim Bates Memo - Older Version of Easement (August 24, 2004)

Rick Van de Poll Memo - Biodiversity in Old Growth Forests

Each member should thoroughly read each document and be ready to discuss the grant at the Dec. 2 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 PM.

Next meeting scheduled December 2, 2004 at the Police Station

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. LeCount, Secretary