

Meredith Conservation Commission

Meredith, NH 03253

Minutes of the Meredith Conservation Commission Meeting (work session)....January 18, 2005

Meeting:

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

Members Attending:

John Sherman, Robert LeCount, Jacquie Colburn, Ralph Pisapia, Peter Miller, Barbara Smyth. Alternate members:

Pauli Novicki, Paul DelFrari, Paula Wanzer. Town Representative Brenda Vittner.

Minutes:

The following additions to the January 8 meeting minutes were requested by Chairman Sherman: Under Open Space Committee, After statement "Sherman informed Hodsdon that it is the responsibility of the owner to enforce

the easement" add: however we will help. Associated Surveyors informed to make pin visible,

After" the Ridgefield conservation easement and the Waldron Bay conservation easement" Add. This is a housekeeping item, they may have all been acted on at various times in the past.

Northeast Wilderness Trust will be at the March 17 meeting rather than the March 7 meeting reported.

With these changes and additions the minutes were approved by motion of Pisapia, seconded by Smyth and voted affirmatively.

Business:

The Commission acknowledged the kind and generous contributions from Mr. & Mrs. William Lee and Barbara Smyth.

A new chart showing the dates that each member and associate member had been appointed by the Selectmen was prepared by the town clerk. A question was raised as to the date that some members must apply for reappointment. John Sherman will follow up with the town clerk.

Committee Reports:

None

Work Session:

The work session covered review of items in Peter Miller's memo (E-mail) to the Commission members

Discussion covered 8 items

Item 1 Acceptance of Easements

As both the Selectmen and the Commission have voted to accept easements held by the Town this item is considered complete.

Item 2 Extension of sewer along east shore of Meredith Bay

While construction of this sewer line is of unknown time in the future it was suggested that the Commission might want to take a position on this item. After discussion it was the consensus of the Commission that sufficient information at the present time as to the affect this sewer line would have on the water quality in Meredith Bay is not available. The Commission will not take a position on this project at the present time. The Commission further urges that immediate steps be taken to determine the water quality along the western side of Meredith Bay.

Item 3 Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee

The Commission will await the the recommendations of this committee.

Item 4 Meredith Bay Watershed Protection

While no definite program was proposed at this time the Commission would support a program to protect the Bay.

Item 5 Conservation Status of Town Owned Properties.

While the Commission has delivered a verbal report on these properties the Commission will now prepare a formal, written report to town officials.

Item 6 Milfoil in Meredith Bay

No formal project is proposed at this time.

Item 7 The Wildes Page Pond Properties

No action taken

Item 8 Monitoring Environmental Safeguards at Construction Sites

Will continue discussion at next meeting. Secretary to bring complaint forms to next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM.

Next Meeting scheduled Thursday, February 3, 2005 Police Station

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert A. LeCount, Secretary