

# Meredith Conservation Commission

Meredith, NH 03253

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## Minutes of the Meredith Conservation Commission Meeting....February 3, 2005

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### Meeting:

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

### Members Attending:

John Sherman, Peter Miller, Robert LeCount, Donald MacFarlane, Barbara Smyth. Alternate Members:  
Pauli Novicki, Paul DelFrari, Paula Wanzer. Town Representative; Brenda Vittner

### Minutes:

By motion of MacFarlane, seconded by Miller and voted affirmatively the minutes of the January 18, 2005 meeting were approved as presented.

### Treasurer's Report:

In the absence of the Treasurer the Secretary reports that the Treasurer has requested more information on the outstanding invoice from Associated Surveyors. To date this information has not been received and the invoice remains outstanding. There are no other outstanding invoices.

### Committee Reports:

#### Dredge and Fill Committee

The following Dredge and Fill Applications have been reviewed since the last report:

Brian & Loren McCabe 45 Collins Brook Road Tax Map R-07, Lot# 34	Recommended Approval Install 250 sq. ft. perch beach, stone retaining wall relocate seasonal 6' x 40' dock
Elaine Cardib (revocable trust) 81 Neal Shore Road connecting Tax Map U-1, Lot# 33A	Recommended Approval Construct 6' x 30' piling dock wit 6' x 14' walkway (8) pilings
Brian P. Allen 75 Water Street Tax Map U-5, Lot# 51	Recommended Approval Install seasonal 6' x 30' seasonal dock modify existing permanent dock by dredging 201 sq. ft. landward install permanent canopy
Ann B. Huchens 25 Winona Road Tax Map S-25, Lot# 8	Recommended Change Install 12' culvert with fill to construct driveway impacting 525 sq. ft. of wetlands
The PBS Revocable Trust 41 Bear Island Tax Map I-03, Lot# 24	Recommended Approval After the fact Construct 8' x 16' seasonal wharf
Robert May 152 Bear Island Tax Map I-10, Lot# 14	Recommended Approval Reinforce existing concrete pad remove existing seasonal dock install new 6' x 40' seasonal dock
Sherman W. Saltmarsh, Jr. Shahem Cove Road Tax Map U-22, Lot# 10	Recommended Approval Replace existing dock with 6' x 40' permanent dock

For member's information Department of Environmental Services (DES) Wetlands Bureau Complaint Forms have been given to each member.

### Open Space Committee

The Scenic Byways grant is still pending.

The encroachment on the Longridge Farm Easement has been addressed. A letter has been sent to the abutter requesting that the encroachment be removed by May 1, 2005.

A long discussion concerning the status of the March 17, 2005 meeting took place. At the suggestion of Chairman Sherman it was decided that the March 17 meeting would be a public hearing. Representative of all sides of the issue, those in favor of accepting the Sweet Water Trust Grant and Forever Wild Conservation Easement without change; those willing to accept the easement with possible modification and those persons wanting to reject the easements in their entirety, should be heard. This is a decision that will be in effect for all time and will have great impact on the town in the future. Before making a recommendation on this matter the Commission should explore the implications of any decision. The public, too, should be made aware of the implications. The acceptance of easements will have to go before a Town Meeting so public knowledge is essential. Chairman Sherman will head up the organization of the meeting. Peter Miller will handle publicity. The Secretary will post notices. This meeting will be scheduled at 7:00 PM at the police station on March 17, 2005.

Peter Miller will also write articles on the upcoming warrant articles at the town meeting.

### Media Committee

A draft of a news release was given to each member for comments. Suggestions were made that the names of persons responsibly for activities should be included.

At 8:46 PM by motion of LeCount, seconded by Smyth and voted affirmatively (all members polled) the Commission went into executive session to discuss real estate acquisitions. Before discussion started Chairman Sherman recused himself and left the room.

At 9:29 PM by motion of Miller seconded by MacFarlane and voted affirmatively the Commission came out of executive session. Chairman Sherman was then requested to return to the room.

By motion of Miller, seconded by MacFarlane and voted affirmatively Miller was authorized to approach LCHIP to determine if they would accept an application with the property unspecified.

### Chairman's Report

Chairman Sherman passed out a chart showing the dates on which the appointments of members expire.

He also placed in the record a letter sent to the Town Manager outlining the position on town owned lands.

This letter was in answer to a request from the Town Manager. Also was included a letter from Peter Miller to the Town Manager concerning the Feltham property.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 PM.

### **Next Meeting scheduled February 17 at the Town Hall Annex**

Members come at 6:30 PM MacFarlane will explain the workings of the new computer.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. LeCount, Secretary