

# Meredith Conservation Commission

Meredith, NH 03253

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## Minutes of the Meredith Conservation Commission Meeting....February 17, 2005

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### Meeting:

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

### Members Attending:

John Sherman, Robert LeCount, Barbara Smyth, Peter Miller, Jacquie Colburn, Donald MacFarlane, Alternate Members: Pauli Novicki, Paul DelFrari, Paula Wanzer.

### Minutes:

The minutes of February 3 were corrected to show that the March 17, 2005 meeting will be a public hearing. With this change by motion of Novicki, seconded by Smyth and voted affirmatively the minutes were approved.

### Business:

Chairman John Sherman appointed Donald MacFarlane to be the third member of the Dredge and Fill Committee

A review of the articles appearing in the local papers concerning the activities of the Commission during the last year and of the upcoming two warrant articles concerning funding for the Commission was discussed. It was the consensus of the members that the articles were excellent and gave the proper message.

Discussion of the upcoming March 17 meeting followed. This will be a public hearing. The secretary to post the necessary public notices. It was suggested that the public notice read:

#### PUBLIC HEARING

The Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 PM, March 17, 2005 at the Harold Wyatt Conference Room at the police station to consider receiving a \$60,000 grant from the Sweetwater Trust to place a forever wild easement on the Hamlin and Eames town properties.

At this meeting the following parties and persons are expected to attend: Sweetwater Trust, Northeast Wilderness Trust, SPNHF, County Forester, Summer Dole, Charles Niebling, John Hodsdon and former Commission members, Merritt Webb and Phil Mercer.

Peter Miller and Barbara Smyth will attend the Belknap County Conservation Annual Meeting.

The town management has asked the Commission whether it could utilize an intern during the summer. After consideration it was decided the Commission could not justify the employment of an intern this summer.

The first four items on the 2005 plan were reviewed:

Current use tax	to be on the agenda March 3 meeting.
By-laws	Completed dropped as a project
New maps	MacFarlane now inventorying
Eames Ceremony	Town will handle, Smyth to coordinate

Miller reported that the damage done to the Hamlin trails during the last storm has largely been repaired.

Smyth reported that the investigation of signs to designate town properties is still underway. It was brought up that we have not ordered signs for the Piscopo property. This must be done.

At 8:13 PM by motion of Miller, seconded by MacFarlane and voted affirmatively (all members polled) the Commission went into executive session to discuss potential land acquisition.

At 8:50 PM by motion of MacFarlane, seconded by DelFrari and voted affirmatively the Commission came out of executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert A. LeCount, Secretary