

Meredith Conservation Commission

Meredith, NH 03253

Minutes of the Meredith Conservation Commission MeetingMay 5, 2005

Meeting:

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

Members Attending:

Barbara Smyth, Donald MacFarlane, Ralph Pisapia, John Sherman, Robert LeCount. Alternate members: Ron Kiesel, Pauli Novicki, Paul DelFrari.

In the absence of Miller and Colburn the Chairman authorized Kiesel and Novicki to vote.

Minutes:

By motion of MacFarlane, seconded by Pisapia and voted affirmatively the minutes of the April 21 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

By motion of LeCount, seconded by Novicki and voted affirmatively the following invoices were approved for payment:

For attendance at NHACCC conference

MacFarlane	\$50.00 plus mileage 117 miles
Miller	50.00
Smyth	50.00
Pisapia	50.00 already submitted

Peter Miller for various expenses

Hamlin	\$73.28
Appraisal	12.50
Trail Work	17.74
LWCF	8.88
Eames	15.90

Committee Reports:

Dredge and Fill Committee

Pisapia and Lecount reported on the meeting held with William Edney, Code Enforcement Officer, Mary Lee Harvey and Christine Tivnan of the Planning and Zoning Department on Tuesday, May 3. As the Planning Department will not accept applications for special exceptions to wetland provisions of the zoning ordinances without comments from the conservation commission, this meeting was held to insure the timely receipt of commission comments. A procedure was worked out acceptable to all.

The following applications to the DES have been reviewed since the last report:

David A. Rich	Recommended Approval
245 Bear Island	Remove grandfathered crib dock construct new 6' x 40'
Tax Map I-07, Lot# 11	seasonal dock.

Janie Roberts	Recommended Approval
72 Red Gate Lane	Repair screened porch over lake
Tax Map U-9, Lot# 2	

Sign Committee

The sign for the Piscopo property is ordered and will be ready next week. Estimated cost \$100.00. Still need posts. Will be erected at the driveway entrance. Kiesel authorized to purchase posts and will stain before placed in the ground.

The commission authorized the purchase, not to exceed \$700.00, of signs for the four town forests. Before ordering the names of the forests must be verified. Smyth and Kiesel will follow up. The signs will be a single panel with two posts. The sign will contain the name of the forest and managed by Conservation Commission.

Natural Resource Inventory Committee

Have now received the report from Rick Van de Poll. Will report soon.

Open Space Committee

New trails are being planned for the Eames property. Commission members should receive a map showing these new trails. We appear to be running out of the Hamlin brochures. Several questions arise. 1. Should we order another batch of the present Hamlin trail guides? 2. Should we wait until the trails in Eames are known and incorporate Eames and Hamlin into one new trail guide? 3. What do we do in the intervening period? These questions must be resolved.

Of the two violations of the Longridge Farm easement. One has been resolved. The second is to be corrected by June 1. Ron Kiesel is authorized to purchase re-bar to mark the boundaries of Longridge. Ron Kiesel has produced a draft of the Hamlin easement. This was given to Sherman and will be used by Sherman and Miller in preparing a final draft that can be presented to potential grantees for their comments as to its acceptability. This final draft will be ready by our next meeting.

MacFarlane and Pisapia continue the work of organizing all of the easement information into computerized format for easy access.

A discussion on the amount of funding we should request in the CIP funding report. As the Conservation Open Space Expendable Trust has been almost completely used in the acquisition of the Longridge Farm Easement and the Eames purchase and as several potential large easements or purchases are in the near future it was by motion of Kiesel, seconded by Novicki approved that we request \$75,000.00 be placed in the CIP recommendations.

At 8:58 PM by motion of MacFarlane, seconded by Novicki and voted affirmatively (all members polled) the Commission went into executive session to discuss potential easement and or land acquisitions.

At 9:19 PM the Commission came out of executive session.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. LeCount, Secretary