

Meredith Conservation Commission

Meredith, NH 03253

Minutes of the Meredith Conservation Commission Meeting....May 19, 2005

Meeting:

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

Members Attending:

Barbara Smyth, John Sherman, Peter Miller, Jacquie Colburn, Robert LeCount, Ralph Pisapia, Donald MacFarlane. Alternate members: Pauli Novicki, Ron Kiesel Paul DelFrari, Paula Wanzer. Town Representative Brenda Vittner.

Minutes:

The following changes were made to the minutes of the meeting of May 5, 2005

Under Sign Committee Kiesel not MacFarlane will follow up with Smyth.

Under Natural Resource Committee change entire to read: Have now received the report from Rick Van de Poll Will report soon.

By motion of Smyth, seconded by MacFarlane and voted affirmatively the minutes were approved.

Business:

Will continue to schedule two meetings a month during June, July and August

If work loads permit the Chairman may cancel the second meeting.

During the summer, start and stop dates unknown, our office in the annex will be used by the college intern employed by the town during the summer. The Commission will have use of the office only on Tuesday during this period.

Ralph Pisapia had prepared a draft of the proposed language for the Project Identification form for the CIP Committee. This was distributed to each member to review and comment upon. Several minor changes were accepted and the document will be forwarded to the CIP committee. Sherman and LeCount will represent the Commission at the CIP meeting on May 25.

Committee Reports:

Open Space Committee

Peter Miller had prepared a report showing the prohibited acts/uses and reserved rights that the Commission would accept in an easement document for the Hamlin recreation area. This was discussed in detail and accepted. By motion of Pisapia, seconded by LeCount and voted affirmatively Peter Miller and John Sherman were authorized to take this draft to DRED in Concord to discuss with them their acceptance or modifications. It appeared to be the consensus of the members present that we would then circulated this draft to other potential easement grantee to determine if they would accept such conditions.

John Sherman intends to participate in a nature hike through Hubbard Brook Forest. This is a program sponsored by the Science Center. John asked if others would like to join him. Barbara Smyth and Donald MacFarlane indicated that they would like to join him. Date of the hike July 16.

Sign Committee

Smyth reported that the Piscopo sign will be ready next week. Ron Kiesel will purchase the posts and will paint them with preservative and install the sign. When installed pictures will be taken and the Piscopo family will be notified.

Smyth and Novicki are preparing a news release concerning the installation of signs on the town forests.

At 8:23PM by motion of MacFarlane, seconded by Smyth and voted affirmatively (all members polled) the Commission went into executive session to discuss the acquisition of land by easement or purchase.

At this time Chairman Sherman recused himself and left the room.

At 9:00PM the Commission came out of executive session.

By motion of Miller, seconded by Colburn and voted affirmatively the Commission was authorized to spend not more than \$1,000.00 to employ Brenda Brown to do a timber evaluation on property discussed in executive session. LeCount to contact Brenda Brown.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. LeCount. Secretary