

Minutes of the Meredith Conservation Commission Meeting...June 3, 2004

Meeting:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Phil Mercer at 7:00 p.m.

Members Attending:

Jacque Colburn, Phil Mercer, , Peter Miller, Ralph Pisapia, Pauli Novicki, Paul DelFrari, John Sherman, Barbara Smyth

Minutes:

The following changes were made to the minutes of the May 20th meeting:

We would delete the section of those minutes stating that the Open Space Committee would report on the status of 81 town properties.

Meredith Savings Bank Presentation for Expansion:

The Meredith Savings Bank represented by Peter Bolten, architect, Fred Mack, lawyer with McFarland/Johnson, and Sam Labert, former Vice President, made a presentation of their proposal for a 3-story, 7,000 square foot building with expanded parking in the footprint of the existing buildings.

It is their intent to dig out and remove any traces of the invasive species, Japanese Knotweed; replant that area with red maple. They would create a 105<sup>1</sup> swale to provide a drainage runoff for the parking lot area.

Dredge and Fill:

No report at this time.

Finance:

Three bills were submitted for approval and approved:

\$3,428 < Elizabeth Hengen for Longridge Farm Historic House site evaluations, photos and documentation

\$7,200 < George Lamprey for re-assessment of the Longridge Farm property

\$83.38 < Paul DelFrari, registration and attendance at the <sup>3</sup>Saving Places 2004<sup>2</sup> seminar on April 17th in Weare, NH (\$50 registration and mileage driving at \$.375 per mile)

Open Space Committee:

No new report at this time

NRI:

A group was formed to complete a survey for SCORP. Members working on this would be Jacque Colburn, Phil Mercer, Bob LeCount, Paula Wanzer, and Barbara Smyth.

Longridge Farm closing event/ribbon cutting ceremony:

We hope to close on this on June 30th with a ceremony to follow. A committee will meet on Sunday June 6th morning at the Meredith Center Fire Station at 10:00 a.m. to work out details. Those on the committee are: Ralph Pisapia, Paula Wanzer, Jacquie Colburn, Peter Miller and Barbara Smyth.

Lake Monitoring:

Raph Pisapia contacted Pat Tarpay about the Meredith Bay sites needing monitoring. She indicated that they needed this done weekly. The river sites need a sample taking once a month until next month, (July) when they go to monitoring twice monthly through August, and returning to once-a-month during September and October. Different sites have different procedures of collecting water samples.

Scenic Byways grant application:

Phil Mercer will explore with Carol Bareleon of Scenic Byways if they have all the necessary papers in order and completed, prior to the June 30th closing on Longridge Farm. Phil will also get in touch with Judd Greg and Bob Varney in Boston to see how we can facilitate this to enabling us to secure that \$85,000 grant. LCHIP has given us the green light to close on the June 30th at the Town Hall Annex. At that time The Town will present John Hodsdon with a check for the purchase of the easement, and at that time John will present the town with a check for the \$100,000 give-back he is contributing to Meredith for the purchase of that easement.

Eames Reappraisal:

Phil Mercer has not yet heard back from Kevin Mc Manus on the reappraisal on Eames which must be completed within 60 days before closing.

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10:55 p.m. We came out of Executive Session and the meeting was adjourned by a motion of Ralph Pisapia, seconded by Peter Miller.

Minutes of the contents of the Executive Session items discussed should be separate from the regular minutes until we formally decide on another format at our next meeting

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Smyth, standing in for Secretary Robert LeCount