

Meredith Conservation Commission

Meredith, NH 03253

Minutes of the Meredith Conservation Commission Meeting July 7, 2005

Meeting:

Meeting called to order by Chairman John Sherman at 7:01 PM.

Members Attending:

John Sherman, Barbara Smyth, Peter Miller, Ralph Pisapia, Jackie Colburn, Don MacFarlane.

Alternate Members: Pauli Novicki, Ron Kiesel, Paula Wanzer, Paul DelFrari, and Town Administrative Services Director Brenda Vittner.

Minutes:

By motion of Don MacFarlane, seconded by Novicki and voted affirmatively the minutes of the meeting of June 2nd were approved as presented (with the correct spelling of MacFarlane's name).

Business: Wanzer reported on Roger Hogan's interest setting up a joint meeting with property owners of over 10 acres in Meredith, and New Hampton, to explain the advantages of a Conservation easement. He and Sherman changed the acreage from 10 to 20. There were about 450 parcels of 10 acres, and about 300 with 20 acres or more. A letter will be written to each landowner explaining the advantages and inviting them to a joint meeting to discuss this. Robin McCann has already provided Paula with labels for Meredith.

Wanzer also reported on the large attendance at the meetings on the proposed boating speed limit on Lake Winnepesaukee at their July 6th Wolfeboro meeting. The papers mentioned that 300 or so interested parties attended. The chairman gave equal time to comments from both opinions – for, and against. There were 65 speakers and the meeting went on until after 11:00 pm. It appeared that those in favor of a speed limit outnumbered those against 4-1 at that meeting. The next meeting will be on July 13th in the Gilford HS Auditorium.

Treasurer's report: The following invoices were approved for payment by motion of Pisapia and seconded by MacFarlane:

An additional sum of \$117 to be paid to attorney Tim Bates
Reimbursement for payment to Omni Sign Company for the agreed-upon \$100 cost of creating the Piscopo sign, which has been installed

A motion by MacFarlane and seconded by Smyth to approve:

Payment to Sonny Ambrose for the creation of 4 large routed wooden signs identifying each of the four town forests @\$600 each for a total of \$2,400

Committee Reports:

Dredge and Fill Committee: Due to the absence of LeCount at this meeting, this report will be given at the July 21st meeting at the Annex.

Signage: Smyth and Kiesel displayed photos of the work-in-progress of the 4 Town Forest signs with photos of them and Sonny Ambrose at his barn studio. Ambrose indicated that the signs would be completed by Friday. Brenda Vittner volunteered that she would contact Mike Faller about their installation. Preceding that, a site walk is scheduled for Tuesday, July 26, interested members to meet at the Meredith Center Fire Station at 9:00 am. Ron Kiesel has prepared painted stakes to mark each location for installation.

NRI Report: Colburn reports after two recent four-hour meetings with Edgar and Van dePol, that the work is almost completed. She showed us the draft 160 page report and distributed comprehensive maps

created by Robin McCann illustrating the layered information. They are stupendous. The report will be presented to the Planning Board and Conservation Commission. Colburn and committee will meet again on July 14th and anticipate a publication date in August. They will print a number of paper copies, enter the report on the town web site and also onto computer discs.

Hamlin, Eames, Gail Wolek: Miller relayed an exact copy of the Hamlin Easement he and Sherman had drafted to Wolek, of the Office of Recreation Services. She approved of it, and would now like to do a site walk of the properties, which their grant helped the Commission to finance. The easement must be signed on by Tim Bates, Dr. Hamlin, Selectmen and Wolek and it must be submitted for approval at a public town meeting.

Projected Hamlin/Eames trail plans: Miller and MacFarlane have walked, and marked out proposed trails to link the Hamlin and Eames properties. This needs to be sketched out on a map to make it clear. They propose to build a bridge to span a stream in Hamlin which acts as an outflow from one of the Eames ponds.

Media: Smyth and Novicki submitted a draft for everyone's comment of the work done on building and repairing berms in Hamlin by MacFarlane and volunteer Lou Kahn. They also submitted photographs taken at the site. There will also be an article done on the construction of the town forest signs by Ambrose.

Other Business:

Master list of town projects in the works: Miller, Sherman and Pisapia report that Pisapia and Town Manager, Carol Granfield, will work on a list of "projects to be done" and by whom...to add to the master list of all "Projects of Significance" ongoing in the Town. This will be reviewed periodically by Selectmen, Granfield and Town Planner, Edgar. Pisapia has sent a copy of this proposed list to the Commission.

Longridge Farm Stand Open House: Sherman reports that there will be an open house at the Moulton new farmstand at Longridge on Saturday, July 23rd. Ward Bird, builder and cousin of Hodsdon's will be able to attend at that time, and we hope to have the press.

Building violations: Sherman reports that building violations of a shed constructed on the Hodsdon property has been taken care of, and the shed moved.

Executive Session: 9:00 p.m., By a motion of Pisapia, seconded by Miller it was voted for the Committee to go into Executive Session to discuss a parcel of real estate. Sherman recused himself. Items were discussed. At 9:23 p.m. by a motion of Colburn, and seconded by McFarlane, the Committee came out of Executive Session.

By motion of DelFrari, seconded by Novicki, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.
Next meeting is scheduled for July 21st at the Annex.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Smyth