

Meredith Conservation Commission

Meredith, NH 03253

Minutes of the Conservation Commission MeetingAugust 19,2004

Meeting:

Meeting called to order by Chairman Phil Mercer at 6:58 PM.

Members Attending:

John Sherman, Barbara Smyth, Peter Miller, Ralph Pisapia, Robert LeCount, Phil Mercer.
Alternate Members: Pauli Novicki, Paul DelFrari, Ron Kiesel, Robert MacFarlane.

Minutes:

The minutes of the August 5 meeting should show the Vice-Chairman John Sherman left the room to eliminate himself from the discussion of the Dredge and Fill Application and Zoning Board of Appeal Application from the Meredith Village Savings Bank covering its proposed construction of a new office building on Route 25. The invoice from McManus & Nault for \$1500.00 covering their revised appraisal of the Eames property should be held pending resolution of the timber value.

With these changes by motion of Novicki, seconded by Smyth and voted affirmatively the minutes were approved.

Committee Reports:

Dredge and Fill Committee

The following Dredge and Fill Applications have been reviewed since the last report

Meredith Village Savings Bank
24 Route 25
Tax Map U-7, Lot# 113-109

Recommended Approval
Construct new office building within buffers

Frances Daggett c/o Cheryl Baxter
24 Observatory Road
Tax Map U-24, Lot# 5

Recommended Approval
Repair existing walkway. Replace existing seasonal dock with new 4' x 24 crank-up dock

Christopher Boothby
24 Quimby Road
Tax Map U-29, Lot# 16A

Recommended Approval
Maintenance Dredge

Christine & Christopher Collins
31 Lovejoy Lane
Tax Map U-34, Lot# 12-13

Recommended Approval
Construct perch beach

The following Application to the Zoning Board of Appeal was reviewed since the last report:

Meredith Village Savings Bank
24 Route 25
Tax Map U-7, Lot# 113-109

Recommended Approval
Construct new office building within buffers

Open Space Committee

Chairman Phil Mercer and Vice-Chairman John Sherman and the Town Manager met with Dr. Hamlin to discuss the present use and development of the Hamlin Town Forest. Dr. Hamlin has walked a portion of the trails. He expressed his disappointment at the slow start in recreational development of the forest but he is now very happy with the trails that have been established and the knowledge that the forest was being used by the residences of the community

Chairman Mercer reported that Brenda Brown, forester, has not finished, due to wet weather, the inventory of the logging potential on the Eames property. Her report should be completed next week.

Ron Kiesel presented to the Commission a draft of a proposed Town Forest Ordinance. Discussion followed.

Several wording changes were proposed and accepted to be incorporated in the final draft. This draft will then be presented to the Selectmen for their review. Finally a public hearing will be held. Chairman Mercer will research RSA 31.112 to determine its effect, if any, on the preparation of this ordinance by the Commission. Paul DelFrari reported that he had been in contact with the present owners of the Dotter property, a portion of which the Commission holds a conservation easement. They wish to walk the property. It was agreed that members of the open space committee would walk with them and familiarize them with the boundaries. DelFrari to arrange for this walk.

There has been an encroachment on this easement, cutting of trees. DelFrari to contact William Edney, Town Zoning Enforcement Officer to see if any action has been taken.

It appears that a development will be started that abuts the conservation easement on the Walton Bay property now held by the Commission. While a roadway through the easement to allow access to several lots is written into the easement the question will driveways off this allowed road be requested. The Commission will keep informed on this project to protect the easement. A hearing before the Selectmen will be held August 30.

Natural Resource Inventory Committee

No report

Media Committee

No report

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Next meeting scheduled September 2, 2004 at the Police Station

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. LeCount, Secretary