

# Meredith Conservation Commission

Meredith, NH 03253

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## Minutes of the Conservation Commission Meeting...October 6, 2005

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### Meeting

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

### Members Attending

John Sherman, Peter Miller, Robert LeCount, Ralph Pisapia, Donald MacFarlane, Jacquie Colburn, Barbara Smyth. Alternate members: Pauli Novicki, Paul DelFrari

### Minutes

By motion of Pisapia, seconded by MacFarlane and voted affirmatively the minutes of the September 15 were approved as presented.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Pisapia reports that all invoices have now been paid.

As the Commission will be required to present a budget for incorporation into the overall Town budget, all members were requested to submit their estimates of the funds required for programs under their control. These estimates will be used to prepare the Commission's 2006 budget.

By motion of LeCount, seconded by Miller and voted affirmatively the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions invoice for \$311.00 to cover 2006 dues was approved for payment.

By motion of LeCount, seconded by MacFarlane and voted affirmatively the Commission authorized the payment of registration fee for members attending the annual meeting of the NHACC.

The annual meeting of the NHACC will be held November 5. All members are urged to attend. Registration fee will be paid by the Commission. Members should complete the application, indicating the seminars they wish to attend and return it to the treasurer at the next meeting.

### Business

Chairman John Sherman introduced Pat Tarpey from the Department of Environmental Services. She discussed the New Hampshire Volunteer River Assessment Program. Two of our members, Pisapia and DelFrari, have been active in this program. The monitoring of Hawkins Brook was discussed at length. It appears that conductivity of Hawkins Brook is high indicating the presence of salt. Further monitoring is desired. In order for the Commission to fully participate in the New Hampshire Volunteer River Assessment Program a Water Quality Monitoring Kit should be available on a timely basis. At the present time there are only two such kits for use by all the town on Lake Winnepesaukee, making it almost impossible for towns to monitor on a timely basis.

As funds are now available within the Commission's budget, by motion of Miller, seconded by MacFarlane and voted affirmatively the Commission authorized the purchase of a water monitoring kit. Cost not to exceed \$2500. Ralph Pisapia and Paul DelFrari to coordinate this purchase and program.

The Eames open house was discussed. By and large it went well. The Commission expressed its appreciation for the fine work that Barbara Smyth and Ron Kiesel did in providing refreshments and facilities. Chairman John Sherman was also complimented on his fine speech.

### Committee Reports

#### Dredge and Fill Committee

While not verbally listed during the meeting it was indicated that the list of applications to the DES would be included in the written minutes:

Robert & Mary Schwager  
59 Little Road  
Tax Map U-37, Lot# 13A

Recommended Approval  
Construct 28' x 36' dugout boathouse, perch beach

Raven, Inc. d/b/a Sands of Brookhurst

Recommended Approval

Brookhurst Lane  
Leslie Robertson AK 2003 Trust  
Bear Island  
Tax Map I-9, Lot# 4

Restoration of Shoreline to prevent erosion  
Approved  
Repair in kind existing boathouse

M. Selma Nettles  
95 Spindle Point Road  
Tax Map U-24, Lot# 21

Recommended Approval  
Construct 6' x 12' extension on existing dock

Albert Heinz  
12 Fish Cove Road  
Tax Map U-28, Lot# 8B

Recommended Approval  
Remove 2 rocks from lake bed

Patrician Shores Association  
Anderson Road  
Tax Map U-39, Lot# 2A

Recommended Approval  
Repair and modify 3 dock slips

Derek Maley # Richard Kelly  
95 Pleasant Street  
Tax Map U-17, Lot# 15-2

Approved  
Repair of existing docking facility

The following application to the Zoning Board of Appeal has been reviewed since the last report:

Swain Road Development LLC  
Batchelder Road  
Tax Map R-27, Lot# 3-1

Recommended Approval  
Install 18" culvert and cross wetland

#### Open Space Committee

Chairman Sherman has called a meeting of the Open Space Committee for Tuesday, October 11 at the Town Annex office, 2:00 PM. This meeting will set priorities and responsibility for the monitoring of easements. All members please attend.

Peter Miller reported that the Scenic Byways Grant is being processed and should be received soon.

Peter Miller has contacted Brenda Brown to obtain a quotation for the construction of the bridge required on the new Eames trail.

Dirt bikes have been using the Hamlin trails. Deterioration of the trails is already apparent. Sign prohibiting their use in Hamlin will be placed at the entrances. These signs given to the Commission by the New Hampshire Fish and Game have been effective in other areas. Sign Committee to follow up.

On October 25 at the Interlakes high school Roger Hagen will give a talk and lead discussion on the value of easements. Open Space Committee members take note.

At 9:24 PM by motion of Miller, seconded by Smyth and voted affirmatively (all members polled) the Commission went into executive session to discuss potential real estate acquisitions. At this point Chairman Sherman recused himself and left the room

At 9:53 PM by motion of Colburn, seconded by LeCount the Commission came out of executive session.

At 9:54 PM the meeting adjourned.

**Next meeting scheduled October 20 at the Town Hall Annex at 7:00 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. LeCount, Secretary