

# Meredith Conservation Commission

Meredith, NH 03253

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## Minutes of the Meredith Conservation Commission Meeting.....November 3, 2005

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### Meeting:

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

### Members Attending:

Robert LeCount, John Sherman, Peter Miller, Jacquie Colburn, Ralph Pisapia, Donald MacFarlane. Alternate Members: Pauli Novicki, Paula Wanzer, Paul DelFrari, Ron Kiesel

### Minutes:

By motion of Pisapia, seconded by MacFarlane and voted affirmatively the minutes of the October 20 meeting were approved as written. This appears to be acceptable to the members at this meeting and no changes were made. Next the budget will be reviewed by the Town Manager further to determine if she will support it to the Selectmen.

### Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Pisapia reported that he and Chairman Sherman have met with the Town Manager and Town Financial Officer and reviewed the proposed 2006 budget for the Commission. The proposed budget anticipates expenditures of \$23,425.

Treasurer Pisapia presented an invoice from Paul DelFrari in the amount of \$25.00 covering registration at the conference "Ethics for Land Use Board Members". By motion of Pisapia, seconded by MacFarlane and voted affirmatively the payment of this invoice was approved.

### Committee Reports:

#### Dredge and Fill Committee

The following application to the DES have been reviewed since the last report:

David J. Larson 140 Veasey Shore Road Tax Map U-37, Lot# 1B	Recommended approval
Edward & Christine Morse Livingston Road Tax Map R-08, Lot# 78	Recommended Approval construct driveway to home
Jeffrey & Deborah Manning 36 Dale Road Tax Map U-28, Lot# 22B	Recommended Approval Replace natural stone retaining wall
Hounsell, Jack Henry Trust Pitchwood Island Tax Map I-14, Lot# 13	Recommended Approval Repair existing dock
Russel Thomas 33 Pinnacle Park Road Tax Map U-19, Lot# 32B	Recommended Approval Construct a perch beach, move dock
Bradford & Karen Rost Robin Way Tax Map S-25, Lot# 24	Recommended Approval Install culvert at driveway to house

The following application to the Zoning Board of Appeal was reviewed:

Bradford & Karen Rost Robin Way Tax Map S-25, Lot# 24	Recommended Approval
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### Open Space Committee

Chairman Sherman reported that the Longridge Farm Easement has been monitored. A representative of LCHIP was present during the site visit and agreed that the easement was in good shape. Moulton Farm, Bushnell and Beatie have also been monitored with no problems observed. Ron Kiesel will lead the monitoring of Hamlin on 11/4 and Ridgefield and Keller on 11/6/ Leighton and Dotter will be done later.

Chairman Sherman has called for an open space committee meeting on November 14, 9:00 AM, at the town hall annex.

### Natural Resource Inventory Committee

Jacque Colburn distributed copies of the Natural Resource Inventory to all members. 100 copies have been prepared. Discussion followed as to what organizations and persons should receive copies. Suggestions were made and Colburn will follow up on distribution. Colburn then asked whether sufficient funds were available in the 2006 proposed budget to complete the "next steps" suggested in the inventory. Treasurer Pisapia assured her that sufficient funds are allocated.

### General

Paul DeFrari reported on his attendance at the conference "Ethics for Land Use Board Members" He outlined factors that should govern Board Members in their commission activities. He cautioned members on conflict of interest. He outlined several factors that could constitute such a conflict and urged members to be constantly on the alert to avoid any such situations.

### **Public Comment:**

Chairman Sherman introduced Tom Crane. Tom is a lake-side resident of Lake Wicwas and a member of the Lake Wicwas Association. Mr. Crane indicated that residents in the area are attempting to raise funds to purchase Bryant Island, an island in Lake Wicwas. It now appears that the residences will need assistance in securing the necessary funds to meet the asking price. Believing that the Commission might be interested in preserving the natural character of the island he came to the Commission to seek its aid in fund raising. Several questions were asked and after discussion it was agreed that the Open Space Committee would review the request and recommend the Commission's position.

Next Chairman Sherman introduced David Thorpe, Chairman, Water Quality Committee of the Lake Wicwas Association. Mr. Thorpe brought to the Commission a letter sent by the Association to Harry T> Stewart, Director, Water Division, NH Department of Environmental Services requesting that he clarify the permitting process for seasonal docks in prime wetlands. Mr. Thorpe reviewed the background leading to this request. The Commission agreed that such clarification was desirable, not only for this instance but also for future occurrences here in Meredith but indeed throughout the entire state. The Commission agreed to write to Mr. Stewart requesting an early clarification.

### **Chairman's Comments**

The Chairman requested suggestions from the Commissioners to articles that might be listed in the Town's Annual report. A number of suggestions were given to the Chairman.

Five Commission members will be attending the Annual Meeting of the NH Association of Conservation Commissions. Driving arrangements were established.

At 9:23 PM by motion of Pisapia, seconded by MacFarlane and voted affirmatively (all members polled) the Commission went into executive session to discuss the status of land acquisition. At this point Chairman Sherman recused himself and left the room.

At 9:40 PM the Commission came out of executive session.

By motion of MacFarlane, seconded by LeCount the meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

### **Next Meeting schedule November 17 at the Town Hall Annex.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. LeCount , Secretary

