

Meredith Conservation Commission

Meredith, NH 03253

Minutes of the Meredith Conservation Commission Meeting.....August 3, 2006

Meeting:

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

Members Attending:

John Sherman, Donald MacFarlane, Ralph Pisapia, Barbara Smyth, Peter Miller, Robert LeCount, Pauli Novicki.
Alternate Members: Paula Wanzer, Paul DeIfrari, Terry Lance.

Terry Lance and Dan Hayduk have been appointed Alternate Members of the Commission. Jacquie Colburn has resigned as a full member of the Commission and returned as an Alternate Member.

Minutes:

The minutes of July 6, 2006 should show that Ralph Pisapia was in attendance. Jacquie Colburn should be shown as an Alternate Member. With these changes the minutes of the July 6 meeting, by motion of MacFarlane, seconded by Pisapia and voted affirmatively, were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Pisapia reported the following invoices for payment:

Town of Meredith	\$ 22.67	Wicks Lumber for sign posts
Sonny Ambrose	5500.00	23 signs routed and painted

By motion of Pisapia, seconded by Smyth and voted affirmatively these invoices were approved for payment. Conservation Commission budget for fiscal 2007 will be due in September and October. Treasurer Pisapia urged all members to consider their funding requests for next year. He and the Chairman will meet to rough out a preliminary budget draft for discussion.

Business:

Dredge and Fill Activity

The following applications to the Department of Environmental Services were reviewed since the last report:

Elizabeth Gershun 34 Water Street Tax Map U-5, Lot# 33	Recommended modified approval Requested replenishment of beach sand Recommended approval if perch beach be constructed
William P. Delaney 10 Pine Island Tax Map I-01, Lot# 9B	Recommended Approval Repair existing docking facilities
Albert Duchane New Road Tax Map R-30, Lot# 3 & 4	Recommended Approval Construct 2 wetland crossings to access residential subdivision Approved crossings in earlier application
Deven W. Spears Parade Road RT 106	Recommended Approval Construct driveway to access residential home
Phylliss T. Hawkins 12 Anderson Road Tax Map U-39, Lot# 2-80	Recommended modified approval Requested replenishment of beach sand Recommended approval if perch beach be constructed

Open Space Activity

Donald MacFarlane, chairing a group charged with preparing plans for the future use of the Dockham Property, passed out to members three documents: 1. Dockham Action Plan 2. Plan of Action for the Chemung Area 3. Forest Stewardship Plan. Carleton Town Forest. MacFarlane urged all members to review each document, bringing all comments, modifications and other changes to our next meeting. Chairman Sherman indicated that

he will reserve sufficient time to discuss these documents and any changes requested at our next meeting. It is the intent that after these discussions a final draft plan for the area can be produced.

The Town's Public Works Department wants to use a portion of the Feltham Property for a snow dump. While no formal survey map showing the proposed area for the snow dump, Commission members have walked the proposed area and access road. As a result by motion of Pisapia, seconded by Novicki " The Commission offers no objection to the use of a portion of the Feltham Property as a Town snow dump, located as shown in the memo of August 4 of Michael Faller, Public Works Director, addressed to John Sherman" and voted 6 - 0, Miller abstained, motion was approved

John Sherman opened discussion concerning property that the Town owns on Bear Island. At the present time no conservation easement exists on this property. Bear Island abutters would like to see an easement placed on this land to protect it from future development. The question would the Commission take such an easement. It appeared from the discussion that the Commission would only consider the responsibility for an easement if the property was fully surveyed and all boundaries known, no type of encroachments exist and sufficient funds are placed in escrow to cover monitoring costs and any litigation costs incurred defending the easement. Sherman to follow up with Phil Mercer for more information.

Two seminars of interest to Commission Members were offered to members;

Conservation Easement Monitoring Workshop August 24 sponsored by the Belknap County Conservation District, free, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Gilford High School. Registration by August 21 a must.

Environmental Permitting: The Role of Local Officials November 8 sponsored by Municipal Law Lecture Series, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Meredith Community Center, Fee \$25.00.

A group headed by Novicki with MacFarlane and Miller will investigate the naming of a mountain in memory of Leighton family. The mountain is located on land donated to the Town by the Leightons.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Next meeting scheduled August 17, 2006 at 7:00 PM at the Meredith Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. LeCount, Secretary