

Minutes of the Meredith Conservation Commission Meeting.....January 17, 2008

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**Meeting:**

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

**Members Attending:**

Donald MacFarlane, Robert LeCount, Peter Miller, Pauli Novicki, Barbara Smyth, Daniel Heyduk

**Alternate Members Attending:**

John Sherman, Jacquie Colburn, Terry Lance, Paula Wanzer

**Minutes:**

By motion of Heyduk, seconded by Smyth and voted affirmatively the minutes of the January 3 meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

No report

**Committee Reports**

**Dredge and Fill Committee**

Two applications to the Department of Environmental Services have been reviewed since the last report.

Thomas J. Scalon  
12 Lock Eden Shores Road  
Tax Map U-30, Lot# 4C

Determine incorrect application to be refilled.

Wanken Joseph Yu  
Stonedam Island Road  
Tax Map U-29, Lot# 26

Recommended Approval  
Construct perch Beach

Two applications to the Zoning Board of Adjustment were reviewed since the last report.

Associated Surveyors  
Peter Levolette  
Pollard Shores Road  
Tax Map U-4, Lot# 13A

No comment

Donald Jutton 1<sup>st</sup> Development LLC  
Off Pease Road  
Tax Map R-04, Lot# 5

Letter of Advisement Prepared

Following Commission By-Laws, Article V11. Section 7:05 c discussion on the Jutton Application followed.

Copies of the Committee letter addressed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment was

distributed to all Commission members.

Mr. Gove representing Gove Environmental Services, Inc. Requested permission to speak to the Commission in support of the Jutton Application. He agreed that the project would impact 92,849 square feet of protective buffers to wetlands and in addition destroy 15,697 square feet of wetlands. He maintained that the damage to the wetlands and buffers represented insufficient damage to the town. The question of mitigation was brought up for discussion. None is included in the application. What compensation would the Town of Meredith receive for the loss of these wetlands. Mr. Gove believed that any mitigation taken to compensate for the loss would do more harm than good. He agreed, however, to prepare a report on possible mitigation and deliver it to the Commission prior to its next meeting. Next the question concerning the 136 acre set aside permanently How would this be handled? Would there be an environmental easement? What agency would monitor and be responsible for the maintenance of the easement? Mr. Gove acknowledged the validity of these questions. He acknowledged, however, that no decisions had been made as yet to answer these questions but did state that negotiations were ongoing with several agencies. The Commission feels that these questions should be answered prior to any granting of this application. The question of drainage over the entire parcel was brought up. Gove stated again that prior to the next Commission meeting he would have a report on the drainage.

#### Open Space Committee

No Report

#### NRI Phase 11

Rick Van de Poll has been contacted. He indicated that because of extreme personal Problems he was far behind schedule but would attempt to get on schedule.

#### Feltham

Heyduk reported that the Feltham Committee was meeting Tuesday, Jan. 22 to review the final Draft of the Kokx report. This draft should be ready for review by the Commission at its next meeting.

#### Page Pond Property

Peter Miller reported that the Trust for Public Land in conjunction with the Fund Raising Committee are working diligently to raise the necessary funds to bring this Project to completion. At this time almost \$500,000 has been raised. It was the feeling Of Commission members that soon the campaign should be brought into the public Arena.

#### Dockham Town Forest

THT Town has received an opinion from the Town Attorney, Timothy Bates, that any Funds accruing from logging operations in the Dockham Town Forest must be expended In accordance with the Thomas Leavett will.. The Commission has received 2 bids for the Logging operation., both are well below anticipated. No decision was made concerning e Naming of the logger or the timing of the start. It was questioned whether the

stipulations contained in the Leavett will apply to all properties willed to the town at the time of his death. Pauli Novicki to review all deeds to town forests received under his will.

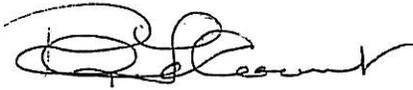
**General Business**

Chairman MacFarlane distributed copies of the Major Activity Plan fo 2007. He Requested that all members review this plan and make updates for 2008.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Next meeting scheduled February 7 at 7:00 PM at the Cummunity Center

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. LeCount". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping tail.

Robert A. LeCount, Secretary