

Minutes of the Meredith Conservation CommissionFebruary 21, 2008

Meeting:

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

Members Attending:

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

Alternate Members Attending:

John Sherman, Terry Lance, Paula Wanzer.

Minutes:

By motion of Smyth, seconded by Heyduk and voted affirmatively the minutes of the January 17 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

In the absence of the Treasurer Secretary LeCount gave the Treasurer's report.
One invoice was presented for payment.

Thomas Kokx Associates \$1,000.00 Applied against contract

By motion of LeCount, seconded by Smyth and voted affirmatively this invoice was
Approved for payment.

Both Heyduk, chairman of the task force, and Thomas Kokx believe that this invoice is
The last payment on the contract. It was brought out that the Town Offices still show
\$7,000.00 open on the contract (after this payment) Heyduk to follow up.

Committee Reports

Dredge and Fill Committee

Only one application to the Department of Environmental Services has been reviewed
Since the last report.

Carol DeCola	Recommended Approval
64 Wagon Wheel Trail	Construct new dock
Tax Map U-18, Lot# 14A	

Two applications to the Meredith Zoning Board of Adjustment have been reviewed since
the last report.

Flanders Enterprises,LLc	Recommended Approval
33 Pinnacle Park	Move new house further from shore line.
Tax Map U-19, Lot# 32B	

Ames Associates	Recommended Approval
Micheal & Pauline Levesque	Romove old cottage construcu new
105 Pleasant Street	On same footprint
Unit R Cognate Shores	
Tax Map U-17, Lot# 12R	

Feltham Task Force

Daniel Heyduk introduced members of the Task Force. Six members of the Force were Present and ready to answer any questions. He distributed copies of the Thomas Kokx Report, the Task Force report to the Commission along with the original objectives of the Force.

By motion of Miller, seconded by Smyth and voted affirmatively the report was accepted By the Commission. As the initial charge of the Force was essentially completed the Question was raised, "Where do we go from here?" Heyduk answered that the Task Force members would like to continue to complete the projects contained in the Kokx Report. Twenty-six projects were included in that report. Discussion brought out the Fact that fund raising for Feltham should not interfere with any fund raising for the Page Pond acquisition. It was agreed that the projects listed in the Kokx report should Be prioritized. Those with the least expense (those using volunteer) should listed first. Those projects requiring fund raising would be delayed to avoid conflict with Page Pond Activities. Heyduk to follow up.

Gove Environmental Services Report

James P. Gove, resident of Gove Environmental Services Inc. Appeared before the Commission. Mr. Gove had met with the Commission at its January 17 Meeting and Was now returning to answer questions raised at that meeting. Mr. Gove brought Answers to three questions:

1. Drainage
2. Mitigation
3. Easement

In the case of drainage Gove distributed copies of a letter addressed to Donald Jutton From Mark S. Gross P.E. > principal of M>H>F> Designs Consultants in which Mr. Goss outlined the drainage design concept for the entire project.

In the case of mitigation, unlike the original application where no mitigation was offered A new wetland would be constructed to compensate for the wetland destroyed by the Construction of the project. This newly constructed wetland would cover approximately 20,000 sq. ft., larger than the 15,647 sq. ft. of wetland destroyed. The Commission had Felt such mitigation was lacking in the original application. In discussions Mr. Gove Indicated that in his opinion the Town of Meredith would receive value from the newly Created wetland above that lost to the wetland destroyed.

The proposed conservation easement to be placed on the "Open Space Area" was Discussed. It was recommended that the easement contain an additional clause Requiring that the present existing open fields be maintained in their present state Through the life of the easement.

By motion of Sherman, seconded by Miller and voted affirmatively the Secretary was Instructed to write to the Zoning Board of Adjustment stating that the Commission Would favor the granting of the exception if the newly created wetland and modified Easement were part of the final approval of the Jutton application.

Business:

It now appears from review of deeds and other documents that any funds derived from Logging on Edgerly Land and Hermit Woods properties must be expended in Accordance with the Thomas Leavitt will.

The continuing campaign for the acquisition of the Page Pond property was discussed. What activities should Commission members undertake. Signs, letters of the editors And other news releases were suggested.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Next meeting scheduled March 6 at 7:00 PM at the Community Center.

Respectfully submitted.



Robert A. LeCount, Secretary