

Minutes of the Meredith Conservation Commission Meeting... June 5, 2008

Meeting:

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

Members Attending:

Donald MacFarlane, Robert LeCount, Pauli Novicki, Barbara Smyth, Ralph Pisapia, Daniel Heyduk.

Alternate Members Attending:

John Sherman, Terry Lance

Before opening the regular meeting Chairman MacFarlane introduced Douglas W. Cygan, Invasive Species Coordinator from the State's Department of Agriculture. Accompanying him was Japan Hayes a volunteer with the Department. He spoke on the number of invasive plants now in Meredith. His talk, however, focused mainly on Japanese Knotweed, which has made serious inroads into Meredith. He emphasized the need to eliminate this species early while it can be more easily controlled. He further outlined the methods that can be employed in the elimination of this species.

After the finish of his talk the Commission Members discussed the programs we could initiate or if not, support. Ralph Pisapia agreed to study Commission's options and report his thoughts at the next meeting.

Regular Meeting:

Minutes:

The minutes were amended as follows: Under Leavitt Property, last line in Pisapia's Motion change line to read "Also to determine if the Leavitt Will applies to all four Parcels". With this change by motion of Smyth, seconded by Novicki and voted Affirmatively the minutes of the May 15 meeting were approved..

Treasurer's Report::

No report

Committee Reports:

Dredge and Fill Committee

The following applications to the Zoning Board of Adjustment have been reviewed since since the last report:

Gerald & Jennifer Hitt  
215 Meredith Center Road  
Tax Map R-07, Lot# 49A

Recommended Approval  
Replace existing structure (non conforming)  
With new structure no closer to wetlands

Richard Williams & Patricia Long  
16 Forest Pond Road  
Tax Map R-16, Lot# 5

Recommended Approval  
Driveway across wetland  
To access home  
(Already approved by DES)

Page Pond Update

Chairman MacFarlane reported that the Trust for Public Land hopes to open the public campaign for funds at the end of the month.

NRI Phase 11

No Report

Open Space Committee

No report

Snow Dump

It has been observed that the contractor doing work in the center of town has been dumping material at the snow dump. A complaint from an abutter has been received stating that material is falling on their land. DPW has been notified. It is understood that Associated Surveyors are marking the area of the three acre dump. After discussion it is the strong opinion of the Commission that the snow dump should not be part of the Town Forest. It should be Town Property and under the control of the Town Administration. . John Sherman to follow up.

Volunteer List

No report

Hamlin Maps

A number of maps have been printed. These do not include new verbiage. As available new verbiage will be included in any new printing.

Feltham Property

It has been observed that motorized vehicles have been damaging parts of the trail system. To maintain the trails in good condition this must be stopped. As a consequence a motion by Pisapia, seconded by Sherman and voted affirmatively authorized the purchase of two gates to block entrance at two locations. Cost not to exceed \$5,000. Other locations if necessary will be blocked by large rocks.

General

The summer meeting schedule was established. Meetings will be held on June 19, July 17 and August 7.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert A. LeCount, Secretary