

Minutes of the Meredith Conservation Commission Meeting and Public Hearing July 17, 2008

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The Public Hearing on draft of proposed Stewardship Plan for Page Pond and Forest was called to order by Conservation Commission Chairman at 7:00 PM.

Conservation Commission Chairman MacFarlane proceeded with opening remarks. He directed attention to the letter that the Commission had received from John Edgar, Community Development Director outlining his comments on the Stewardship Plan. Copies of this letter were available for distribution. The Chairman pointed out that the Plan was mandated as part of the LCHIP Grant. He further emphasized that more focused plans would be produced in the years ahead. One of these is the Forest Management Plan scheduled for 2010. No logging operations will be conducted until such a plan has been accepted. The entire plan will be reviewed and rewritten if necessary in ten years.

The Hearing was then opened to questions from the floor. A question as to the location and status of the ROW from Veasey Shore Road to the Forest was raised. It was acknowledged that at the present moment the ROW is ill defined but every effort will be made to show its location on all maps and on the ground.

The Chairman closed the Hearing at 7:38 PM.

Conservation Meeting:

Meeting called to order by Chairman MacFarlane at 7:45 PM.

Members Attending:

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

Alternate Members Attending:

John Sherman, Terry Lance.

Before proceeding to the normal sequence the Chairman requested that the Commission vote to accept the Stewardship Plan. By motion of Pisapia, seconded by Smyth and voted affirmatively the Stewardship Plan for Page Pond and Forest Property was accepted by the Commission..

Minutes:

By motion of Pisapia, seconded by Smyth and voted affirmatively the minutes of the June 19 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

None

Committee Reports:

Dredge and Fill Committee

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

Winona Forest Association Winona Shores Road Tax Map S-26, Lot# 56	Recommended Approval Renew existing 5700 sq.ft. sloped beach Create perch beach.
Naomi Fainsinger 18 Sachem Cove Road Tax Map U-22, Lot# 4	Recommended Approval Remove non-conforming deck replace with 6' x 40' seasonal dock.
Paskerian Realty Trust 18 Quimby Road Tax Map U-29, Lot# 14	Recommended Approval Repair "U" shaped dock repair/modify Boathouse roof
Raymond Mority 96 Water Street Tax Map U-8, Lot# 18	Recommended Approval Repair damaged boat ramp install 15' x 20' perch beach
Suzanne Boles 3 Carleton Road Tax Map R-31, Lot# 21	Recommended Approval Install 6' x 30' seasonal dock install 2 natural stone paths
Elroy G. Clark 86 Needle Eye Road Tax Map S-19, Lot# 26	Recommended Approval Install seasonal 6' x 40' dock
David Blakelock 63 Dale Road Tax Map U-29, Lot# 1A-7	Recommended Approval Repair 2 crib supported docks Reusing existing stones
Eugene Arcano & Rita Digiavanni 38 Sachem Cove Road Tax Map U-22, Lot# 14	Recommended Approval Repair seasonal dock in kind

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

Raymond & Bebecca Levesque  
Checkerberry Lane  
Tax Map R-36, Lot# 3

Recommended Approval  
Cross wetland for driveway to home

Bill Franks  
Needle Eye Road & Route 3  
Tax Map S-19, Lot# 34,54,55

Recommended Approval  
Letter send to ZBA outlining  
Commission position.

Allen Dickensen  
33 Philbrook Avenue  
Tax Map U-12, Lot# 5

Recommended Approval  
Letter sent to ZBA outlining  
Commission position.

#### NRI Phase 11

No report

#### Invasive Species Program

Organizational meeting to be held next week. Pisapia to contact interested parties.

#### Feltham Gates

Heyduk reported that the DPW has been authorized to order steel and fabricate gates. It may be necessary to obtain ROW from some abutters at the entrances. Heyduk to follow up.

#### Open Space Committee

John Sherman reported that Ray Ing of LCHIP has requested to accompany Commission members on monitoring inspections of properties where LCHIP has interest. Every effort should be made to honor his request.

#### Snow Dump

Both Sherman representing the Commission and Fowler representing the Town Highway Department agree that the snow dump should not be a part of the Town Forest. The necessary steps will now be taken to achieve this separation. Following up on this decision Sherman presented the following motion, seconded by Smyth and voted affirmatively:

Move to allow Meredith Highway Department to remove approximately 5 acres from the Feltham Forest as shown on the map presented and that

1. The DPW maintain the 50' ROW and the parking lot for the forest.
2. Bounds will be clearly marked.
3. Knotweed and piles of dirt and debris be removed from Town Forest land.

Volunteer List

Wanzer reported that she now has a list of approximately 10 people that have shown a willingness and desire to work on the development and maintenance of trails in Feltham. More volunteers will be developed.

Hamlin Maps

Maps have been printed and will be distributed. Verbage on the back of the map has been clarified.

Meetin adjourned at 8:59 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert A. LeCount", written in a cursive style.

Robert A. LeCount, Secretary