

Minutes of the Meredith Conservation Commission Meeting, August 21, 2008

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Members Attending:

Donald MacFarlane, Ralph Pisapia, Robert LeCount, Daniel Heyduk

Alternate Members Attending:

John Sherman, Terry Lance, Jacquie Colburn, Paula Wanzer

The meeting was called to order by Chairman MacFarlane at 7:00PM.

Minutes:

By motion of Sherman, seconded by Pisapia, and voted affirmatively, the minutes of the July 17 meeting were approved as written.

Dredge & Fill:

No report

Treasurer's Report:

No report

Page Pond Campaign

Don MacFarlane reported that lawn signs and posters are available for anyone who would like one. Don, Paula Wanzer and Dan Heyduk have been distributing signs in Meredith, Center Harbor and Moultonboro. A "thermometer" showing fundraising progress has been installed at Moulton Farm. Press coverage has appeared in the Citizen and the Laconia Daily Sun.

Natural Resource Inventory

Jacquie reported that the Commission has received the Executive Summary, Table of Contents and Co-occurrence Card from Rick Van de Poll. Jacquie and John Edgar have reviewed these and have suggested revisions to Rick. Jacquie noted that the contract also requires recommendations for the protection of co-occurrence areas.

Invasive Species

Ralph Pisapia reported that Doug Cygan of DES has sent electronic file data to Michelle Therrien, and that the two were to meet. Following those steps, Michelle will prepare a working map of invasive species in Meredith.

Open Space

John Sherman noted that one conservation easement property has been sold, and the new owner has been contacted. John reported that the legislature has passed a bill amending RSA 36-A, which governs town conservation commissions. The new language allows commissions to contribute from their conservation funds to "qualified organizations" for acquisition of property interests (fee or easement) held by those organizations, and/or expend funds for transaction costs related to these purchases. The new law requires a one-time Town Meeting vote to locally authorize the conservation commission to make these expenditures.

Snow Dump

John Sherman reported that the decision of the Commission taken at the July 17 meeting has been conveyed to Mike Faller for DPW follow-up.

Volunteer List

Paula Wanzer reported progress in reaching out to potential volunteers and in compiling a list. Recent contacts have included Seniors and Boy and Girl Scouts. Invitations have been sent out to potential volunteers for the September 13 trail relocation on Philbrook Avenue and posters announcing this opportunity are ready to be posted.

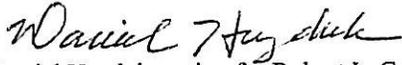
Dockham Town Forest

Don MacFarlane reported that the town attorney has clarified the Leavitt will and that Carol Granfield will convey his findings to the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 4 at 7:00PM at the Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Heyduk".

Daniel Heyduk, acting for Robert LeCount, Secretary