

Minutes of the Meredith Conservation Commission Meeting October 2, 2008

Meeting:

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

Members Attending:

Donald MacFarlane, Robert LeCount, Peter Miller Ralph Pisapia, Barbara Smyth.

Alternate Members Attending:

John Sherman, Terry Lance, Paula Wanzer, Jacquie Colburn.

Minutes:

Change the minutes of September 18 to read: Under Open Space Committee change the size of the snow dump from 4.29 acres to 4.9129 acres. With this change by motion of Pisapia, seconded by Smyth and voted affirmatively the minutes of the September 18 meeting were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report:

John Sherman presented an invoice for \$142.26 to reimburse him for easement maintenance expenses. By motion of Pisapia, seconded by Smyth and voted affirmatively the payment of this invoice was approved. Pisapia also reported that Town Officials have requested that the Commission's 2009 budget be submitted next week.

Committee Reports

Dredge and Fill Committee

LeCount reported that no applications for review have been received since the last report.

Page Pond Campaign

Fund raising continues. The trail walk of the Page Pond Forest has been rescheduled until Saturday, October 4 due to anticipated inclement weather. Rick Van de Poll will lead the walk as scheduled.

Feltham

It was reported that steel for the gates has been received. Heyduk to follow up on fabrication and installation.

NRI Phase 11

No activity since the last report.

Invasive Species

Work continues to map the location of Japanese Knotwood in Meredith. Several more weeks of field work will be required to complete the study. Pisapia has met with Town Officials to discuss the acquisition of GPS equipment by the Commission. Any decision has been placed on hold pending a decision by the Town to either repair the present unit or purchase a new improved unit. Any decision is also predicated on the availability of Town equipment for use by the Commission.

Open Space Committee

Chairman Sherman has called a meeting of the Committee for Tuesday, October 7 at 10:00 AM. in the Commission office. At this meeting a schedule will be set for the work of the Committee in the coming year. One of the first tasks will be the completion of Monitoring Reports. It should be noted that such reports are a requirement of the easement programs and have been filed annually since the establishment of each easement. Our present map of the Feltham property should be up dated to show the actual location and size of the snow dump. Sherman will follow up.

Volunteer List

Thank you notes have been sent out to all who worked on the Faltham trails.

Hamlin Trails

Miller again stressed that TRAIL Day is now scheduled for Monday, October 6. Meet at the Hamlin parking lot at 9:00 AM. Miller outlined the work to be accomplished, largely erosion control work and replacement of hand rail on one bridge. Volunteers needed.

Dockham

A winter cut is out as allocation of funds still not completely resolved. The forester will submit a proposal to prepare a management plan for Leighton property.

Spear Property Snake River

As this property has positive impact on the quality of Meredith's water supply, the Commission would support its acquisition. The Commission will make no commitment until firm knowledge of potential ownership, financial requirements are firmly available.

NHACC Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions will be held Saturday, November 1. In the past several members of the Commission have attended this informative all day session. Registration fees will be payed by the Commission.

Freeman Letter

Chairman MacFarlane distributed a letter addressed to the Commission from James and Ann Freeman. The Chairman requested that members read this letter along with other supportive documents and be ready to discuss it at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Next meeting scheduled October 16 at 7:00 PM at the Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert A. LeCount", written over a faint horizontal line.

Robert A. LeCount, Secretary

