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Minutes of the Meredith Conservation Commission Meeting....January 8, 2009

Meeting:

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

Members Attending:

Donald MacFarlane, Peter Miller, Robert LeCount, Donald Heyduk, Ralph Pisapia.

Alternate Members Attending:

John Sherman, Paula Wanzer, Jacquie Colburn.

Minutes:

By motion of Pasapia, seconded by Heyduk and voted affirmatively the minutes of the December 3, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

None

The Chairman brought before the Commission three (3) resolutions that must be authorized by the Commission prior to the closing of the Page Pond Property:

1. Authorization for the grant funds of \$44,000 for transfer to TPL.
By motion of LeCount, seconded by Pisapia and voted affirmatively this resolution was passed.
2. Authorization for draw down of Conservation Fund monies not to exceed \$132,000 at final closing.
After discussion this resolution was modified to read not to exceed \$140,000.
By motion of Pisapia, seconded by Heyduk and voted affirmatively the modified Resolution was passed.
3. Concurrence with the Board of Selectmen to utilize \$210,000 from the Open Space Conservation Expendable Trust Fund.
By motion of Miller, seconded by Pisapia and voted affirmatively this resolution was Passed.

Committee Reports

Dredge and Fill Committee

No activity since the last report

Page Pond Campaign

After closing solicitation of funds from grants and private donations will continue to Close cost shortfall.

Feltham

Trail improvements will continue in spring and dry weather.

Dockham

A conservation wildlife timber cut will start in mid-January. Trees have already been Marked. Conservation members will review and approve the marked trees. Members to Meet Saturday, January 10 at the Meredith Center Forestation at 9:00 AM.

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Colburn has been in contact with Rick Van de Pool. While his report has not been received He indicates he will be ready for his presentation on January 15.

Open Space Committee

Sherman reported that he had received an inquiry from Kathryn Dietz regarding an easement On Tax Map U-30, Lot# 2 in name of Mary C. Pierce 1996 Trust. 4.12 acres off Ritsher Rd., Meredith, N.H. 2/3 wetland with balance dry. Land appraised \$826m camp on shore \$68m. Sherman called her 12/20/08 and informed her that the property does not meet Conservation Commission guidelines, minimum 25 acres, etc. He referred her to LCRT and Squarm Lakes CT..

Volunteer List

Wanzer reported that there are now 37 persons on the volunteer list with one or two added Each month.

Chairman Comments

Noting the death of George I. Leighton discussion followed that it would be appropriate that The Commission write the media recognizing Leighton's contributions to the environment And conservation.

Meeting adjourned ar 8:41 PM.

Next meeting scheduled January 15 at 7:00 PM at the Community Center

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert A. LeCount, Secretary