

Minutes of the Meredith Conservation Commission Meeting, February 19, 2009

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Members Attending:

Donald MacFarlane, Peter Miller, Daniel Heyduk

Alternate Members Attending:

John Sherman, Paula Wanzer

Guests Attending:

Mark Billings

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

Minutes:

By motion of Sherman, seconded by MacFarlane, and voted affirmatively, the minutes of the February 5 meeting were approved as written.

Dredge & Fill:

No report

Treasurer's Report:

No report

Page Pond Forest

Don MacFarlane reported that several members walked the property with forester Shaun Lagueux and a representative of Fish and Game.

Open Space

No report

186 Acre Forest

Dan Heyduk distributed a draft of a proposal which might be used to raise funds for improvements to the forest. Improvements detailed in the proposal include trail repair, bridges and culverts, parking and access enhancements, entrance kiosks, a nature guide and signage, an observation deck, wildlife blind, and benches. The history of the Commission's management of the property was also discussed.

Volunteer List

Paula Wanzer reported progress in locating a naturalist to lead nature programs, and suggested that the Commission consider a presence on Facebook.

Dockham Town Forest

Don MacFarlane reported that the forest stand improvement cut has been postponed due to poor market conditions.

Town Forest Vision Group

John Sherman noted that the working group would be meeting to work on a draft vision statement.

Town Meeting

Members discussed presentation of Commission-related warrant articles for the March 11 Town Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 5 at 7:00PM at the Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Heyduk, acting for Robert LeCount, Secretary