

Minutes of the Meredith Conservation Commission Work Session May 20, 2009

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

Members attending: Don MacFarlane, John Sherman, Ralph Pisapia, Peter Miller, Robert LeCount.

Alternate members attending: Mark Billings, Robert Davis, Dan Heyduk.

Items of Business:

1. Vision Statement for the Management of Town-Owned Lands Stewarded by the Meredith Conservation Commission.

The purposes of this Vision Statement are (A) to guide timber management, recreation management, and wildlife management on the town-owned conservation lands, and (B) to recommend which conservation lands deserve permanent protection. This document was prepared by an internal working group consisting of Sherman, MacFarlane, Heyduk, and Miller. During lengthy discussion, numerous changes were made to the draft of the Vision Statement. Heyduk will incorporate revisions and redistribute, for consideration and formal action at an upcoming meeting of the commission. The final version of the approved Vision Statement will be attached to the minutes of that meeting.

2. Guidance on Naming Land and Land Features on Lands and Easements Stewarded by the Meredith Conservation Commission.

The purpose of this document is to guide the commission's future naming decisions. It recommends an organized approach to naming lands and land features. It does not set policy. It was prepared by Pisapia, who consulted model naming documents available on line. After lengthy discussion, these being "mays" not "musts", it was decided not to wordsmith the draft of this document. It will be formally acted on at an upcoming meeting of the commission, to be attached to the minutes of that meeting.

3. Announcements:

The Conservation Commission will meet in special session Thursday May 28th, 7:00 PM, Community Center Room C, to review and discuss a proposed conservation easement. The draft of the easement will be distributed in advance. All members and alternates should plan to attend.

Drafts of meeting minutes will now be distributed electronically. Correction and approval of minutes will be per usual. No corrections are to be sent electronically to the

secretary. Hard copies of approved minutes will be placed in our files and distributed to town officials per usual.

Paula Wanzer has put up posters in town announcing the clean-up of the 186 acre forest scheduled for May 30th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Miller, Secretary