

## Minutes of the Meredith Conservation Commission Meeting March 18th, 2010

Members present: Don MacFarlane, John Sherman, Ralph Pisapia, Peter Miller, Paula Wanzer, Mark Billings

Alternate members present: Robert Davis, Dan Heyduk, Jacquie Colburn, Mark Tuckerman

Davis was appointed a voting member for this meeting.

Guests: Lisa Morin, Coordinator, Belknap County Conservation District  
Sandra Mucci, Meredith resident

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

### Minutes of March 4th, 2010

With one correction (starting time of meeting), the minutes of March 4th, 2010 were approved unanimously per motion of Billings, seconded by Sherman.

### Dredge and Fill Report

The following applications to the State Department of Environmental Services have been reviewed since the last report:

Town of Meredith  
Waukewan Street near beach  
Tax Map U5, Lot #2

Recommend approval.  
Repair public boat launch on Waukewan St. The existing granite and stone walls are leaning over and deteriorating. It will be replaced with a pre-cast concrete redi-rock wall.

Waldron Bay Lot Owners Assoc.  
Meredith, NH 03253  
Tax Map R26, Lot #2-36

Recommend approval.  
Remove existing retaining wall and replace with two new walls, install drainage pipe and re-grade the beach in order to reduce the steepness of the beach to prevent erosion.

### Dockham Timber Cut

The Town has received an additional check for \$92.90 (3/11/2010). This may be the last timber cut payment for Dockham.

### Belknap County Conservation District (BCCD)

Lisa Morin attended as part of her outreach to Belknap County town conservation commissions. She wanted to know how the BCCD might assist us in our mission.

MacFarlane asked whether the BCCD is willing to hold conservation easements. Morin replied that this matter is still to be decided.

Pisapia inquired as to how the BCCD might assist with control of terrestrial invasive species.

He also asked about the relationship between BCCD and North Country RCD. Morin replied that the two are separate entities but do collaborate on some projects. North Country RCD tends to be more of an incubator of projects.

Billings offered himself and the MCC as a resource regarding the dollars and sense of open space, drawing on our experience with Page Pond and the Trust for Public Land.

### Winnepesaukee River Watershed Wetlands Restoration and Preservation Plan – Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund

Colburn speculated that aerial and soils data were utilized to select the sites shown on DES maps. She reviewed what the mitigation fund can be used for and the scoring criteria.

MacFarlane noted that these monies seemingly are not limited to identified sites.

Sherman asked how/why apply for grant funds if we don't know what the problem in a specific location is, or whether there is a problem. He questioned the wisdom of applying for \$\$ just because it is out there. MacFarlane responded, "That's why I keep coming back to Hawkins Brook."

Pisapia and Colburn to draft a proposal regarding Hawkins Brook.

Miller suggested we alert the Laconia Conservation Commission to area # 148, which includes a wetland that extends into Meredith. Morin, who is a member of LCC, said she would follow through.

### Arc Reader

MacFarlane gave a demonstration of the Arc Reader software utilizing maps available in the Town's database. This technology will greatly facilitate MCC outreach.

### MCC Appointments

So as to create staggered terms of office, MacFarlane and Sherman will renew for one year, other members whose terms are expiring will renew for three. Members will need to be sworn in again after Selectmen approve the applications.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Miller  
Secretary