

Meredith Conservation Commission

Minutes of the Meredith Conservation Commission Meeting April 1st 2010

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

Alternate members present: Jackie Colburn

Public attending: Sandy Mucci

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Billings, seconded by Pisapia, the minutes of March 18th were approved by unanimous vote.

Dredge and Fill Report

Deep Water Marine Management, Inc
31 Lovejoy Sands Road
Tax Map U-35, Lot #11

Reviewed DES application
Approved dock repairs

Deep Water Marine Management, Inc.
324 Meredith Neck Road
Tax Map U-35, Lot #8A

Reviewed DES application
Approved dock repairs

- One other application was approved to the DES, permit by notification. Bob Davis will follow up with details for next meeting. Permit was to repair a retaining wall.

On motion by Pisapia, seconded by Billings, the Dredge and Fill Report was approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: No report

Updates/Old business

Wanzer continues to assemble a list of community volunteers to invite to a function honoring their support. Discussion continues as to the type of function. The Page Pond Forest was discussed as a possible location assuming the work to complete the main entrance at Quarry Road is completed.

Wanzer also commented on the significant increase in the number of fans on our Facebook site. It was suggested we add a link on our Facebook page allowing viewers to link to the Town of Meredith's website for access to all the information the conservation commission posts there.

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MacFarlane notified the commission of a final check from New England Forestry Services for the timber cut on Dockham. The amount of the check was \$71.10.

The final numbers for the Page Forest cut were \$71,373.82 gross, less forester's compensation of \$9,278.47. The total amount net to the town was \$62,094.35.

On Sunday, March 28th, Pisapia, Billings, Colburn and Wanzer walked the Hawkins Brook area to ascertain if it was a viable site for a grant application under The Winnepesaukee River Watershed Restoration program. The consensus of the group was this was not an appropriate project.

John Edgar mentioned to MacFarlane the possibility of applying for the grant for restoration of Monkey Pond.

Billings suggested consideration for applying for the grant in order to complete the now stalled Snake River acquisition. New Hampton would have to be the applicant. Billings will talk with John Edgar on 4/5/2010 on the subject as application must be sent before the end of April.

New Business

MacFarlane opened the conversation regarding projects and dates for workdays. There are three areas in need of work days. The extend of work to be compiled in a project list by the following, Hamlin-Eames-Smythe (Miller), Community Forest (Heyduk) and Page (Billings/Sherman).

- Meredith Community Forest has four project related events scheduled for this spring/summer. Trail Day (date ?), AMC – brook repair (mid Aug), Meredith Snowmobile Club trail work (date ?), Rotary Club – Bridge (date ?). Additionally there may be a need for a work day to assemble the kiosk.
- Hamlin-Eames-Smythe – Miller will be distributing a schedule of projects and work days for this area.
- Page – Sherman/Billings/MacFarlane/Wanzer will meet with Mike Faller (DPW) on Friday, April 2nd at the Quarry Road entrance to discuss the parking area, gate and possible kiosk location. Will also visit the Blueberry Hill Road entrance.

Billings has submitted the material specification sheet to Middleton Lumber and Lowes for cost estimates for the kiosks to be used at Page and Meredith Community Forest.

Meeting was at 8:40 PM

Mark Billings