

Minutes of the Meredith Conservation Commission Meeting May 20th, 2010

Members attending: Don MacFarlane, Mark Billings, Ralph Pisapia, Peter Miller, John Sherman, Paula Wanzer, Robert Davis

Alternate members attending: Robert LeCount, Dan Heyduk, Sandra Mucci

Chairman MacFarlane called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM.

Spear Conservation Easement

On motion of Miller, seconded by Billings, the Commission voted unanimously to release the draft of the Spear Conservation Easement to the individuals identified below, with the following revisions: (1) remove mountain biking and horseback riding from the list of allowed recreational activities; (2) in the Preamble, insert the Meredith Conservation Commission as the acting authority for the Town of Meredith; (3) insert proper names and tax map numbers where needed; (4) add Exhibit A to the draft. Distribution list: Robert Stowall, representative for Jacqueline Spear; Stan Wallenstein, representative for Waukegan Shore Owners Association; Laura Spector, representative for Town of New Hampton; Lee Mattson, representative for Town of Meredith.

Minutes May 6th, 2010

Per motion of Miller, seconded by Billings, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the May 6th minutes with one revision: Under "Town Forest Background Reports," delete the text and add, "Heyduk showed members a report he has written on the history of Hersey Mountain for the New England Forestry Foundation. The Commission might be interested in writing similar reports for Page Pond and other town forests."

Dredge and Fill Report

Gallagher, Brenda and John
6 Clark Drive
Tax Map U32 Lot 2

Recommend approval.
Repair and expand existing piling, increase dock to longer than standard length in order to provide three boat slips and add two seasonal pwc lifts.

Helperin, Alan & Paula
33 Oak Island Road
Tax Map U25 Lot 9

Recommend approval.
Construct perch beach, adding no more than 10 cubic yards of sand to existing beach.

Per motion of Sherman, seconded by Billings, the dredge and fill report was unanimously approved.

Page Pond Forest

Kudos to Meredith DPW for their improvements to the Quarry Road parking area!

Billings to approach Meredith Rotary for assistance in constructing two bridges on the Page Pond trails.

Pemigewasset River Watershed Restoration

MacFarlane showed members a map of Meredith sites potentially eligible for restoration funds. Interested members were encouraged to explore this matter further.

Hamlin/Eames Ecological Assessment

Consultant Peter Ellis has offered to include the abutting Smyth and Kahn Conservation Easements in his assessment for an additional \$1000 +/- . It was noted once again that the Smyth Easement requires an ecological assessment be performed.

Per motion of Pisapia, seconded by Billings, the Commission voted unanimously to confer with Ellis about expanding the scope of his work to include Smyth and Kahn Easements.

Dockham Timber Harvest

The Town received yet another check for \$28.48.

Meredith Community Forest Bench Donation

Per motion of Heyduk, seconded by Sherman, the Commission voted unanimously to accept the donation of a bench in memory of Adeline Homer, to be placed in the Community Town Forest.

Signage

Miller to approach volunteer Warren Clark regarding trex trail signs for Page Pond Forest. Miller to get cost estimates for Meredith Community Forest and Page Pond Forest signs from Bill Becker/Ian Graphics.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Miller, Secretary