

Minutes of the Meredith Conservation Commission Meeting May 6th, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Billings at 7:00 PM.

Members attending: Mark Billings, Ralph Pisapia, Peter Miller, Paula Wanzer, Robert Davis

Alternate members attending: Robert LeCount, Dan Heyduk, Mark Tuckerman

Heyduk and Tuckerman were designated voting members for the duration of the meeting.

Guest (soon to be alternate member): Sandra Mucci

Approval of Minutes

Per motion of Miller, seconded by Pisapia, the minutes of April 15th were approved unanimously with one correction: Bob LeCount to be listed as alternate member.

Dredge and Fill Report

Hansom, Nancy M.
35 Pinnacle Park Rd.
Tax Map U-19, Lot #32A

Recommend approval
Replace three damaged pilings

McLear, Edward
312 Daniel Webster Hgwy.
Tax Map U-06, Lot #147

Recommend approval
Removal of dead elm tree, replacement
with three large birch trees and garden

Treasurer's Report

Pisapia distributed a budget summary showing the status of all the Commission's various accounts (see attached spreadsheet).

Clarification of "open purchase orders": This is the mechanism by which funds from prior operating budgets are encumbered.

Reimbursements

On motion of Pisapia, seconded by Miller, the following reimbursements were unanimously approved:

Dan Heyduk	\$60.00	Saving Special Places enrollment fee
Paula Wanzer	\$10.44	Office supplies

Volunteers

New volunteer Alex Plummer, who assisted with the Smyth Easement trail, has been added to the list. The work of the many Rotary Club members who assisted with the Community Forest bridges was noted.

Spear Property/Snake River

An easement is in the process of being drafted. The Sherman Easement, which was derived from the SPNHF model, is being used as the template.

A Board of Selectman workshop on the Spear Property has tentatively been scheduled for May 17th.

Smyth Easement Trail

Tuckerman, who has done the most recent work on the trail, updated members on its status. The trail corridor has been cleared to a width of four feet and height of eight feet, and the treadway has been cleared of all debris.

The trail has been added to the Hamlin/Eames trail map, likewise the boundaries of the Smyth Easement.

Community Forest/Rotary Bridges/Trailwork Day

Heyduk noted that thanks to the large turnout of Rotary Club and Conservation Commission members and volunteers, three bridges were completed by 1:00 PM.

Heyduk will write a press release regarding this accomplishment.

The possibility of Rotary assisting with the Page Pond bridges was noted.

Kiosks – Page Pond, Community Forest

Billings gave materials cost estimate of \$530 +/- per kiosk. The USFS kiosk template will be employed.

How to dig post holes for posts? Miller suggested DPW.

Town Forest Background Reports

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.

New Business

Miller noted there has been petty vandalism of the Hamlin kiosk. Signs that had been posted outside the cases were torn down and burned in the parking lot, along with all copies of maps from the mapbox, leaving a mess of paper and plastic debris in the parking area.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Miller, Secretary

**Meredith
Conservation
Commission -
2010 Budget
Summary**
(April 29,
2010)

Permanent Fund 5

Notes

Conservation Fund	\$66,599.04	Includes three 2009 additions
2009 Land Use Change Tax		\$45,030.00
2009 LCHIP Interest		\$ 467.50
2009 Thorndike Donations		\$ 150.00
2009 Smyth Donation	10,000.00	
<i>Total Fund 5 Conservation Fund</i>		\$76,599.04

**Annual Fund 5 - 2010 Town
Meeting**

Dues	\$ 365.00	
Meetings & Training	400.00	
Travel Expenses	150.00	
Regional Associations	400.00	
Office Supplies	200.00	
<i>Total 2010 Annual Funds</i>		\$ 1,515.00

Open Purchase Orders

Prior Year

		Funds Available in 2010
P.O. 1668 Trail Improve/Maintenance (2009)	\$ 2,101.72	
P.O. 2314 Professional Services (2009)	\$13,735.00	
		(\$8,000.00) Ellis Ecological contract
P.O. 2796 Conservation Land Costs	\$ 2,000.00	
		(\$2,000.00) Page Pond Parking Lot
P.O. 2798 Professional Services (2008)	\$8,000.00	
P.O. 2799 Trail Improve/Maintenance (2008)	\$7,300.00	
Total Open Purchase Orders	\$23,136.72	

Other Funds

Open Space Expendable Trust Fund	\$1,874.00	
Page Pond Stewardship Fund (Fund # 1 Reserve)	\$8,094.35	Funds received prior to becoming a Town Forest
Total	\$ 9,968.35	Requires BOS Approval

to expend

Dockham Timber
Management Cut

\$12,889.86

Funds will
go to
school
fund after
CC
extracts
costs of
conducting
cut

Conservation Bonds	Original Amount	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Outstanding Amount
(Long term debt)					
Eames/Longridge	\$500,000	2004	2014	3.990%	
Page Pond	\$400,000	2009	2018	4.000%	