

Meredith Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes – Nov 17, 2011
Meredith Community Center – 7:00 PM

Attending: Tony Sabutis, Bob Davis, Bob LeCount, Ralph Pisipia, Don McFarlane, John Sherman, Mark Billings, Paula Wanzer

Public Visitor: Todd Andrews – Representative - Snow Streakers Snowmobile Club

Minutes from Oct 6, 2011

Motion: Ralph

Second: Bob D

Accepted as written

Dredge and Fill – Ralph

See attachment

Treasurer's Report – Ralph

2012 Budget submitted 2 weeks ago – 1515.00

1 bill – 115.62 supplies for fieldwork – mileage to Concord, NH

Motion: Don

Second: Bob

Treasurer's report accepted

Updates/Old Business

Waukegan, Center Harbor project – Mark

Project continues to move forward

Looking for potential donors

Page walk with forester – Don

Excellent turnout - 26 people

Very informative - very useful

Really good press – thank you!

Goals – education / the next timber cut – too many people so did not get thorough analysis of timber cut

Take a Hike promotion – Mary & Sandy

Town Manager's Newsletter - data / promotion

Baird property – Mark

Grant's been approved

Need to decide when we go to BOS

Open Space – John

Monitoring almost done

Baseline data has been taken on Smyth

Page – Monday, Nov 21, 8:30a

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New Business

MCF blow-down

Large blowdown between 2nd – 3rd bridge – Snowstreakers will take care of it
Page bridges – John

2 bridges – need to be accessible

Town E-Letter – Don

The new electronic "Weekly Letter" is a good vehicle to stay front and center with the public and that we should have something in the letter. We don't have to have something new each week, it could more general in content as well as a vehicle for dated events. Mark has talked with both Mary and Sandy about being responsible for this outreach.

TPL Plaques

We have 2 signs stating the support of TPL to put at the kiosks in Page Forest.

Report to Town

Mark handed out the report to each member for review and comment

MCC Member Comments

John – Ecological Assessment - met with 2 people – will hire someone soon

Mark – Prime Wetland Workshop 10- 20-11 went well

Town forest Ad – was placed in the Meredith News and Laconia Sun

Laconia Sun has agreed to keep the ad on file if they ever need a space filler

- Received feedback from about 12 people, met people in a town forest who were out there out there because of ad.
- Shared with people, who, after they understood it's purpose, wanted copies
- Ralph stated that now that we've created a demand for maps he recommended that we assign one person to make sure that the map boxes around town were filled. After some discussion there was a motion to assign Bob L to that position.

Motion: Ralph

Second: John

Accepted – Bob L will find out the places the maps need to go and distribute them.

Signs – John

Suggested we make signs that outline the Guidelines for community forests

Maps – Don will look at getting maps printed that do not fade

Pauli Novicki - has moved to Meredith Colony Club

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NACC - Ralph, Bob L, John, attended meeting
Keynote – Dick Ober – NH Charitable Foundation
Next year: **First Sat next Nov 2012**

Page Kiosk
Peter's pictures set up

Chair Comments

Public Comments

Snow Streakers - *represented by Todd Andrews*
Snow Streakers need a key for Philbrick Gate and will return keys so gates on Meredith Community Forest can all have town locks
Todd gave MCC a form – *Permission for Snowmobile Access* – that required a motion.

Motion: Don

Second: John

Accepted - to authorize Snow Streakers Snowmobile Club to maintain trails for 3 years

Next Meeting Dec 1, 2011

Adjourn
8:15pm

Submitted by:

Paula Wanzer, Secretary