

**Meredith Conservation Commission**  
**MINUTES**  
**December 1, 2011**  
**Meredith Community Center – 7:00 PM**

**Members Attending:** Paula Wanzer, Bob LeCount, John Sherman, Peter Miller, Ralph Pisipia, Mark Billings, Mary Knoble Kahn, Jacquie Colburn, Tony Sabutis, Bob Davis, Sandy Mucci

**Public Attending:** Phil Brown, president of Snowstreakers Snowmobile Club

**Minutes from Nov 17, 2011**

Motion: Ralph

Second: John

Approved as written

**Dredge & Fill – Bob D.**

Old Business

Bear Island abutters have submitted a Petition for Appeal to the Wetlands Council in regards to a D&F request from Harold C Lyons, Bear Island

**Treasurers Report – Ralph P.**

Ralph reports that a bill was received from Salmon Press Publishing “Take A Hike in Meredith” the Commission placed the Laconia Sun and the Meredith News. This payment and ad had been approved earlier by the commission.

**Updates/Old Business**

*Open Space* – John S.

Monitoring is complete for this year.

*Public Outreach*

We can have a section in the Meredith Notes that come out on Friday. Items can be submitted to Trish Laurent.

*Report to Town* – Mark

Town report is complete with input from members

*Page Ecological Assessment* – John S.

There are two venders whom will be interviewed from 11-12n, Tuesday, 12/6

The ecological assessment and management recommendations must be clearly written in terms easily understood by the public. The emphasis of the final product must be on the management recommendations which must balance and coordinate:

1. Forest management;
2. Low impact outdoor recreation;
3. Wildlife and fisheries habitat management;
4. Protection of historic resources.

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The Meredith Conservation Commission must be able to use the final product to gain a deeper understanding of these properties to enable future management decisions.

The companies are Watershed to Wildlife and Moosewood Ecological  
The committee plans on submitting a recommendation as to who they want to hire to conduct the Page Ecological Assessment at the first meeting in January.

**New Business**

*Trail damage from snow storm*

**Page**

John reports that there are 3-4 trees down near the mill on Page, blocking the stream crossing. There will be a cleanup party Monday, 12/5, 8:30a. All interested meet at John's.

**Hamlin**

No one is sure if there is any damage. Mark B will talk to Mark T to see if he knows anything.

*Commission Status*

**Peter Miller**

Peter wants to step down as a member of the MCC and become an alternate member for health reasons. Mark B will notify the town manager and speak with him about a new member.

*MCF trail damage*

Phil Brown, president of the Snowstreakers, addressed the issue of trail damage at the Meredith Community Forest. The Snowstreakers Snowmobile Club cleared trails, using a motorized four wheeler. This created a problem, one because motorized vehicles are no longer allowed in the town forest and second, the vehicle caused trail damage. Where they entered, at the Bonny Shores side of the property, there is a lot of mud. The MCC will look at it in spring to decide what needs to be done and contact the club so we can set up a date and time to get it repaired.

**MCC Member Comments**

Paula shared the work she has done on the signs for cars – tells people we are doing conservation work. She also shared the updated mailing list which people checked to add information and make corrections.

There was a discussion regarding the proper way to congratulate person who choose to put easement on land through the New England Forestry Foundation.

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Suggestion was made to invite New England Foundation to visit us and explain what they do.

**Chair Comments**

**Public Comments**

**Next Meeting:**

**January 5, 2012**

7pm

Meredith Community Center

Room C

**Adjourn**

8:05pm

Respectively Submitted by:

Paula Wanzer, Secretary