

Meredith Conservation Commission
Minutes- March 1, 2012
Community Center - 7:00 PM

Members present: Bob Davis, Tony Sabutis, John Sherman, Don MacFarlane, Mark Billings, Paula Wanzer

Public present: Amanda Perls

Meeting was called to order by Mark Billings at 7pm.

Minutes from Feb 2, 2012

Motion: Bob Davis

Second: John

- Minutes were accepted as written

Dredge & Fill - Bob Davis

Bob D., Bob L., Mark B, and Bill Edny visited a site on Wall Street. The individual wanted to divert water from feeder streams and create a pond. After some discussion, it was decided that it may be less expensive for this individual to investigate an alternative approach.

Treasurers Report - Ralph Pisapia

There is no report because Ralph is on vacation. There was one expense and a motion was made to accept a bill of \$171.00 for three laminated and fade resistant signs for the kiosks at Page, Community Forest and Hamlin.

Motion: Bob

Second: John

Motion accepted

Old Business

Town Meeting - Paula

Members reviewed the updated slide show that will be shown at the entrance way to the town meeting. It was accepted and Paula will create a DVD. It was arranged to have the LCD projector, laptop, speakers for the presentation plus to display the 3 maps and a poster of our partnerships.

Forest Inventories from Shaun - Don

- Shaun has completed Inventories of town forests - Leighton, Edgerly, Tucker and an update on Hamlin. John suggested that it might be beneficial for Shaun to provide us with a long term view - a cutting schedule - to determine what forests need to be attended to when.

Page Ecological Assessment - John

This winter has been difficult because there has been no tracking snow. Since we think that a winter assessment is important to determine what types of wildlife are on the property John will ask if we can extend the contract so as to include a winter survey.

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Waukegan Watershed Advisory – Mar 7, 2012 @ 8:00 AM

Mark is unable to attend and hopes that someone else from MCC can attend.

Hawkins Brook site walk – Mar 8, 2012 @ 8:30 AM, MVSF Parking lot

The Meredith Walkways Committee is taking a walk to review the possibility of a walkway along Hawkins Brook

MCF test well results - Tony/Mark

The test hole was drilled but only provided 7 gal / min. They therefore capped the test hole and will repair damage, plant seed, and place rip rock on the road to improve water flow

Longridge Farm – Peter

Peter viewed the structure and at this point has decided not to approach LCHIP.

New Business

Bridges

The students at the Huot Vocational High School, Laconia, NH built bridges in town forests. This may be a possible resource for us to use for the bridges in Hamlin and Page. Mark will follow up.

2012 MCC officers

Mark asked us to think about who wants to continue in our current positions and that we should think about staggering the terms. Don noted that they had staggered the terms so that not everyone was reappointed at the same time.

Article #9

Mark is prepared to represent the MCC at town meeting if questions come up about the \$16,470 in current use conversion tax.

MCC Member Comments

Chair Comments

Do we want a workshop meeting to discuss plans for spring? It was decided that we would wait until April 5.

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Public Comments

Amanda Perl

Amanda reported that she had held two training sessions for rescue dogs in Page. She has mentioned that she and her colleagues conduct demos of dog rescues in conjunction with the Trail Safe program, a program that shows ways to keep children from becoming lost in the woods. Mark will talk to Vint - Meredith Recreation Director - and the school principals about partnering to conduct the program.

Adjourn

Motion: Tony

Second: John

Passed - Meeting was adjourned at **8:05pm**

Next Meeting

April 5, 2012

7p.m. Meredith Community Center, Room C

Submitted by:

Paula Wanzer, Secretary