

Meredith Conservation Commission

Meredith, NH 03253

Minutes of the Meredith Conservation Commission Meeting.....October 20, 2005

Meeting:

Meeting called to order by Chairman John Sherman promptly at 7:00 PM.

Members Attending:

John Sherman, Ralph Pisapia, Peter Miller, Donald MacFarlane, Robert LeCount, Jacquie Colburn, Barbara Smyth
Alternate Members" Ron Kiesel, Paul DelFrari

Minutes:

By motion of Pisapia, seconded by MacFarlane and voted affirmatively the minutes of the October 6 meeting were approved as presented.

Business:

Ron Kiesel reported that there was a " No Wheeled Vehicles Allowed " sign posted on the kiosk at the Hamlin parking lot. This sign is the type provided by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. None of the Commissioners indicated that they had placed this sign. Kiessel reported that there has been no indication that four wheeled vehicles had entered the Hamlin forest.

Peter Miller reported that he has received a quotation from All Seasons Forestry Consultants (Brenda Brown) to construct the bridge required for the new trail. There were two options: The first for one 3' x 35" single span to cover two stream channels, cost \$2,400. The second option for a 3' x 20' for the first stream channel and a second bridge 3' x 12' over the second channel, cost \$4,000. After discussion Miller was authorized to proceed with the first option.

John Sherman again reminded Commissioners on the upcoming meeting "Use of Conservation Easements to Protect Open Lands" to be held October 25 at the Interlakes School. This program is sponsored by Belknap County Conservation District. Sherman urged all Commissioners to attend.

Jacquie Colburn reported that the Natural Resource Inventory has been printed and is now being collated and will be ready for distribution immediately. She distributed documents outlining the next steps to be taken to further amplify the inventory. All members should read these documents and be ready to discuss their implementation and authorization at future meetings.

Budgets:

The remainder of the meeting covered the 2005 and proposed 2006 budgets. Treasurer Pisapia distributed copies of the 2005 budget. He reviewed each line item (18 line items) outlining the amount spent to date in each category. Each line item was discussed and after discussion the amount to be assigned to the 2006 budget was tentatively set. Final review will be done at the next meeting.

By motion of MacFarlane, seconded by Smyth and voted affirmatively the meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM

Next meeting scheduled November 3 at 7:00 PM at the Police Station.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. LeCount, Secretary