

Meredith Conservation Commission

Meredith, NH 03253

Minutes of the Meredith Conservation MeetingSeptember 7, 2006

Meeting:

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairman Donald MacFarlane at 7:00 PM.

Members Attending:

Peter Miller, Pauli Novicki, Donald MacFarlane, Robert LeCount, Ralph Pisapia, Barbara Smyth.

Alternate Members: Paul DelFrari, Jacque Colburn, Dan Heyduk, Terry Lance.

Minutes:

By motion of Pisapia, seconded by Novicki and voted affirmatively the minutes of the August 17, 2006 were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer reported that there were no outstanding invoices to be paid.

Business:

Dredge and Fill Activities

The following applications to the Department of Environmental Services have been reviewed since the last report:

Bay Shore Yacht Club 2 Bayshore Drive Tax Map U-02, Lot# 2A	Recommended Approval Rebuild existing club house no change in size, location or configuration.
Raymond H. Lambert 294 Bear Island Tax Map I-6, Lot# 18	Recommended Approval Repair dock from ice damage. no change in size, location or configuration.
Russell Bolles 63 Neal Shore Road Tax Map U-01, Lot# 38	Recommended Approval Dredge, repair dock no change in size, location or configuration.
Susan Yeaton 20 Sachem Cove Road Tax Map U-22, Lot# 5	Recommended Approval Construct perch beach
George Schussel 41 Advent Cove Road Tax Map U-37, Lot# 3	Recommended Approval Repair (replace) existing stone retaining wall larger rocks
Town of Meredith Chase Road Tax Map R-10, Lot# 29	Recommended Approval Replace 2 culverts
John C. Robbins 18 Observatory Road Tax Map U-24, Lot# 3	Recommended Denial Blast 3 Rocks Reasons for denial: 1. Dock could be moved. 2. injurious to marine life. 3. blasting rejected in past.

The following application to the Zoning Board of Appeal has been reviewed since the last report:

Albert and Donna Ducharme New Road Tax Map R-30, Lot# 3 & 4	Recommended Approval Driveway crossing wetland for residential development.
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Open Space Activities

MacFarlane briefed Commission members on the site visit to the Dockham Property. Four members accompanied with Sumner Dole, Belknap County Forester, walked the property. After observing the forest Dole recommended that a forest management cut be started. This cut would be less serious than that proposed in the 2003 Forest Stewardship Plan. No action will be taken on such a cut until the services of a professional forester has been employed to oversee the operation. Discussion followed concerning the employment of such a forester but no decision made.

It was noted that the Selectmen have also approved the use of a section of the Feltham Town Forest for a Town snow dump. Work has already been started on the dump by the Town's Public Works Department.

MacFarlane reported that the new computer has been ordered. This new computer will be compatible with the Town's GPS unit. Pisapia and MacFarlane attended the course on the use of this GPS unit. Other members would also like to be instructed in its use. The unit will probably be available for Commission use in the late fall.

The Commission has been informed by the Waldron Bay Lot Owners Association that an encroachment exists on the easement that the Commission holds on the Waldron Bay property. MacFarlane has been in contact with the Association and indicated that the Association will handle the matter at the present time..

The Town Forest Ordinance came up for discussion. What is its status? LeCount to research the minutes to determine the status.

Novicki brought up the subject of the naming of a mountain. As a result of discussion the following motion was passed, Made by Novicki, seconded by Smyth and voted affirmatively 6 - 0, Miller abstained:

Be it known the Meredith Conservation Commission supports the naming of land between Saddle Hill and Leavitt Mountain as Leighton Mountain.

Other Activities

The Town of Meredith is setting goals for the coming year. The Commission has been asked to submit its 2007 goals. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM.

Next meeting scheduled September 21, 2006 at 7:00 PM at the Community Center

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert A. LeCount, Secretary.