

Minutes of the Meredith Conservation Commission Meeting June 4th, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Chairman MacFarlane at 7:00 PM.

Members attending: Don MacFarlane, John Sherman, Ralph Pisapia, Peter Miller, Robert LeCount, Paula Wanzer

Alternate members attending: Mark Billings, Robert Davis, Dan Heyduk, Jacquie Colburn

Chairman MacFarlane appointed alternate member Mark Billings to serve as an acting member throughout the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of May 7th, May 20th, and May 28th were approved with one change. The minutes of May 7th, "Possible Conservation Easement", lines 5 and 6, were amended to read "...it would support the acquisition of this easement in principle."

Dredge and Fill

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

Joseph and Roselia Martin
58 Water Street
Tax Map U-05, Lot #42

Recommended Approval
Install 3' x 7' concrete pad to hinge new
6' x 30' seasonal dock

Cynthia Fullerton Trust
11 Stonedam Island Road
Tax Map U-29, Lot #6A

Recommended Approval
Convert existing beach to perch beach

Sands of Brookhurst
Brookhurst Lane East
Tax Map U-39, Lot #1

Recommended Approval
Repair existing docking facility
damaged by ice

153 Parade Road LLC
153 Parade Road
Tax Map S-21, Lot #12

Recommended Approval
Waterline to cross wetland
impact 139 sq. ft.

The following applications to the Meredith Zoning Board of Adjustment have been reviewed since the last report:

Carl Johnson, Associated Surveyors
Vanderevelde Assisted Living
153 Parade Road
Tax Map S-21, Lot #12

Recommended Approval
Waterline across wetland and buffer both
to be returned to original condition
at completion of project

Satchel Realty Trust
Meredith Center Road
Tax Map R-7, Lots #49 and #50

Recommended Approval
11 lot subdivision crossing 3 wetlands
(4,532 sq. ft.) and impact 27,584 sq. ft. of
buffers

Note: The Carl Johnson, Vanderevelde Assisted Living Application and the 153 Parade Road Applications are for the same project, one to the State of NH and one to the Town of Meredith.

Treasurer's Report

On motion by LeCount, seconded by Pisapia, the following expenses were approved for reimbursement:

\$35.70 to Daniel Heyduk for costs incidental to 186 acre town forest clean-up.

\$20.55 to Paula Wanzer for costs related to manufacture of "no wheeled vehicle" signs.

Page Pond Forest Management Plan

On motion by Sherman, seconded by Miller, the commission accepted the Page Pond Forest Management Plan prepared by licensed forester Shaun Lagueux by a vote of 7 – 0 with the provision that a map of the property showing forest area identifications be added to the plan.

Page Pond Timber Cut

Members wishing to review forester's markings will meet on June 11th, 8:00 AM, at the gated end of Quarry Road for a two hour site cruise. Sherman and Billings will coordinate.

June 18th Meeting

A public informational session regarding the Page Pond timber cut will be held on 6/18. Forester Shaun Lagueux will attend. MacFarlane, with Wanzer's assistance, will notify abutters. Billings will notify major Page Pond donors. MacFarlane will distribute pertinent documents to commission members prior to the meeting.

Barbara R. Smyth Conservation Easement

The Board of Selectmen approved the easement on June 1st. The deed has been signed and notarized.

186 Acre Forest Trail Day

Fourteen volunteers assisted with the clean-up. A small mountain of rubber tires and vehicle parts was removed from the forest. Russ Weeks of Parks and Recreation provided valuable assistance.

Natural Resource Inventory II

The town still has not received the final report.

Volunteer List

A new volunteer was recruited through the Conservation Commission page on Facebook.

Invasive Species

The two workshops recently presented to town employees drew 35 attendees from Public Works, Water and Sewer, Parks and Recreation, and Code Enforcement. The workshops consisted of a slide show and field trip coordinated by Doug Cygan, NH Department of Agriculture, Pisapia assisting. The next step will be a public workshop in July.

Leighton Wildlife Area Sign

The sign will be of the same type that has been erected on the nearby Dockham, Hermit Woods, Edgerly School, and Tucker Hill Town Forests. Miller will get cost estimate from sign maker Sonny Ambrose.

Barbara R. Smyth Conservation Easement Sign

This sign will be mounted below the Hamlin sign at the Chemung Rd. parking area and will be identical in format to that sign. Miller will consult with easement grantor Louis Kahn regarding wording of the sign and get cost estimate from Sonny Ambrose. Miller will also get cost estimate for a "Managed by the Meredith Conservation Commission" sign to be added to the posts.

Vision Statement for Management of Town-Owned Conservation Lands

On motion by Miller, seconded by Billings, the commission approved the Vision Statement, as amended by Heyduk, by a vote of 7 – 0. The Vision Statement is attached to these minutes.

Naming Guidelines

Pisapia withdrew his draft of these guidelines. The commission will take up the issue of naming policy this summer, when it will also discuss the naming of the 186 acre forest.

Facebook

Wanzer gave members a brief tutorial on how to sign up as fans of the MCC Facebook page.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Miller, Secretary