

Minutes of the Meredith Conservation Commission Meeting July 2nd, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Chairman MacFarlane at 7:02 PM.

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

Alternate members attending: Mark Billings, Robert Davis, Dan Heyduk, Mark Tuckerman

Chairman MacFarlane appointed alternate member Dan Heyduk to serve as an acting member throughout the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of June 4th and June 18th were approved by unanimous vote.

Dredge and Fill

The following Applications to the Department of Environmental Services have been Reviewed since the last report:

153 Parade Road LLC 153 Parade Road Tax Map S-21, Lot# T2	Recommended Approval Temporarily impact 139 sq. ft. of wetland for waterline crossing.
Marsha A. Bassi Revocable Trust 3 Evergreen Lane Tax Map U-32, Lot# 10H	Recommended Approval Repair/replace 44' of retaining wall install 2 boatlifts and seasonal canopy.
Bruce Vaal Satchels Realty Trust Meredith Center Road Tax Map R-7, Lot# 49 & 50	Recommended Approval Large 11 house subdivision Walked site with planning board
Steven Merrill 54 Spindle Point Road Tax Map U-24, Lot# 40	Recommended Approval Install 6' x 40' seasonal dock seasonal walkway 6' x 4'
Gerald & Jenifer Hitt. 215 Meredith Center Road Tax Map R-7, Lot, 49A	Recommended Approval Previous house removed now construct new home on same footprint.

The following application to the Meredith Zoning Board of Adjustment for a Special Exception.

Frank P. Yerkes,LLS
Yerkes Surveying Consultants
Owner: Kristen B. Montana
1 Blueberry Hill Road
TaxMapS-11,14B

Recommended Approval
Drive way across wetland for driveway to
home sites. New subdivision

Treasurer's Report

On motion by Miller, seconded by Sherman, the following expense was approved for reimbursement:

\$116.93 to Daniel Heyduk for a set of official town padlocks to be used to secure gates on town conservation lands.

Page Pond

MacFarlane updated the Board of Selectmen on the status of the timber harvest and the July 11th celebration.

Logger Matthew Jamison has paid 25% of the total due on the timber contract. After deducting his commission, forester Shaun Legueux forwarded \$16,000+ to the town. The timber harvest will begin in early August, weather permitting.

Billings informed the commission that the Trust for Public Land has received 100 confirmed RSVPs for the upcoming celebration. Actual attendance is likely to be much higher. Sherman, MacFarlane, and Billings have volunteered to lead walks during the event. More tour guides may be needed. Volunteers also are needed to help direct parking. John Moulton informs us that a hayride through the woods to the pond shore is not feasible due to low height of tree branches. The trail to the mill site needs to be flagged more heavily and spruced up a bit. Billings and Sherman to co-ordinate. Those wishing to assist meet Monday July 6th, 9:00 AM, Quarry Road entrance. The Page Pond project was mentioned again in the Trust for Public Land's spring/summer "Land and People."

Volunteer List

Wanzer informed the commission that our Facebook page now has 23 "fans". Commission members, being administrators, can add items to the page.

Wanzer to solicit volunteers for the Page Pond celebration and DPW hazardous waste day through Facebook and E note.

Invasive Species

Pisapia reminded the commission of the Invasive Species Public Awareness Workshop to be held July 8th, 7:00 PM, Community Center. NH Department of Agriculture invasive species expert Doug Cygan will present.

Signage

Miller updated the commission on his communications with Lou Kahn regarding Smyth Easement signage.

Kahn would like the sign at the Hamlin parking lot to read:

Barbara R. Smyth
Conservation
Easement

The commission's sentiment is to have lettering on both sides of the sign, similar to the Hamlin sign, unless cost is prohibitive.

Miller has had preliminary discussions with Kahn regarding the signs to be erected where the trail will cross from town land to the easement property. Kahn would like plaques to be affixed to boulders near these boundaries, the plaques to read:

Barbara R. Smyth
Conservation Easement
Given to
Town of Meredith
June, 2009

The commission will solicit bids on these plaques after determining size and other specifications. Miller and Heyduk, when routing the trail, will prospect for suitable boulders and route the trail accordingly.

Town Forest Ordinance

The ordinance working group will meet Tuesday July 14th, 1:00 PM to review other NH town forest ordinances and revise draft of ordinance as desired.

Announcements

The AMC trail crew will be at the 186 acre forest Saturday, August 22nd, to help build a rock water diversion on a portion of the snowmobile corridor.

The Trust for Public Land has named Mark Billings "Kingsbury Brown Conservation Volunteer of the Year" for his Page Pond fund raising effort.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Miller, Secretary