

Minutes of the Meredith Conservation Commission Meeting August 6, 2009

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

Members attending: Don MacFarlane, John Sherman, Ralph Pisapia, Robert LeCount,

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

Chairman MacFarlane appointed alternate members Dan Heyduk, Mark Billings and Jacquie Colburn to serve as an acting members throughout the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of July 2nd were approved by unanimous vote.

Dredge and Fill

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

Richard & Donna Mills
26 Bayshore Drive
Tax Map U-02, Lot #11

Recommended Approval
Construct new dock

Robert C. Brown
Wilcomb/Welcome Island
Tax Map I-14, Lot #20

Recommended Approval
Armor shoreline with stone

NH Bureau of Rail & Transit
Upper Mile Point Road
Tax Map U-02, Lot #39

Recommended Approval
Clean drainage swale along side of rail line. At the suggestion of Pisapia, a letter was written to the DES cautioning that invasive species Japanese knotweed might be in the area and BMP should be used during activity to insure that the species will not be spread.

Treasurer's Report

The following expense was approved for reimbursement:

On motion by Billings, seconded by LeCount , \$240.00 to attorney Lee Mattson for legal services related to the Smyth conservation easement.

On motion by Billings, seconded by Sherman, \$13.77 to Pisapia for invasive species workshop expense.

On motion by Pisapia, seconded by Billings, \$274.99 to Robert Davis for file cabinet purchase for office.

Old Business

Commission is now in new office. Files are in need of reorganization. Davis said he will address the issue beginning in October.

Map and other GIS requests should now go through John Edgar.

Page Pond—timber harvest will probably begin in a couple of weeks. Conservation Commission received a plaque from TPL recognizing acquisition efforts.

NRI-2—still waiting for final report. Perhaps need to find another source for work.

Invasive Species— Edgar and Vittner told Ralph Pisapia that knotweed on Waukewan Street may have been sprayed. He will check.

On behalf of commission, Ralph Pisapia gave a presentation to the Watershed Ecology Institute re: what conservation commissions, in particular, the Meredith CC do.

Signage—no news, bid requests have gone out.

Town Forest Ordinance—John Sherman reported draft should be ready for discussion in September with a public hearing to follow in October.

Trails—

Miller and Heyduk have yellow-flagged a potential connector trail, to be reviewed by Lou Kahn, for the Smyth property.

186—Trail improvement work with the NH AMC is scheduled for August 22nd.

Review of 2009 activity report with reference to next year's projects and priorities.

1. Page Pond requirements-physical and financial. Town will probably received an additional \$10-12k from the cuts which could be used for further work at Page.
2. Forest Management Plan priority.
 - a. Leighton
 - b. Eames

Note—Bob LeCount represented Meredith Conservation Commission at NH DOT traffic study for Meredith. It was suggested that all members read the report and/or check the DOT website.

On motion by Billings, seconded by Pisapia, meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.