

PRESENT: Roger Sorell, Vice Chairman; Robert Flanders, Selectmen's Rep.; Lou Kahn and John Dever, III, Harvey, Clerk

Dever moved, Kahn seconded, MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE WE APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 2009, AS PRESENTED. Voted unanimously.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to RSA 231:157-158, the Meredith Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing to consider a request from the Public Works Department to remove eight (8) dead trees along Quarry Road in Meredith.

Mike Faller, DPW Director, requested the Board hold a Public Hearing in accordance with NH RSA 231:157-158 which requires a public hearing be held if trees need to be removed along a scenic road. Eight dead trees along Quarry Road have been flagged for removal. Over the last several years, these eight trees have completely died and bark is peeling off several of the trees and limbs and branches are falling and dropping onto the roadway. This has become a safety concern for the traveling public. All the trees have been marked with white paint near the base of each tree. If approved, we plan to begin removal in late August or early September to have the least impact on seasonal businesses located on the road. Photos have been provided.

Quarry Road was designated as a "Scenic Road" in March of 1988, by a vote of Town Meeting. There are no impacts to stonewalls. Quarry Road is a Class V road. The statute requires, in part, that the municipality first obtain written permission from the Planning Board prior to tree cutting or removal. Trees are defined as having a 15' circumference or greater measured 4' from the ground. Notice was provided in a newspaper of general circulation as required. Quarry Road is located on the eastern end of town off of NH Route 25 east.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lee Harvey  
Administrative Assistant  
Planning/Zoning Department

The above Minutes were read and approved at a regular meeting of the Meredith Planning Board held on July 14, 2009.

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R. William Bayard, Secretary