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**NEW LONDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Meeting Minutes - Approved**

**Wednesday, October 20, 2021**

**8:30 AM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bob Brown (chair), Michael Gelcius, Ruth White, Michael Kennedy, Rob Prohl, Dode Gladders

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mark Vernon

**OTHERS PRESENT:** John Doyle - NL citizen MPPA

**Call to order** - Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. (Meeting is being recorded)

- Chair Brown stated that Joseph Kubit submitted his resignation. The conservation committee needs more members, submit names to Bob Brown.
- **Public comment** - John Doyle stated that the Bog Road culvert has been a problem with beaver activity. DPW has put in some grates, but the culvert still gets plugged up by the beavers.

**IT WAS MOVED (Michael Gelcius) AND SECONDED (Michael Kennedy) to approve and sign the permit application for application to trap and remove beavers on town property.**

**THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

- **Permit applications updates - Mike Gelcius**
  - a) Soo Nipi Park, 90-day extension
  - b) 38 Knights Hill Road, approval for construction
  - c) 144 Hastings - replace propane tank
- **Conservation Land Projects:**
  - a) ECWMA - CE and expansion, restated, been reviewed, revised, now waiting for signatures
  - b) American Chestnut - Dode stated it is not too late to plant more. 25 holes dug at low plain and DPW dumped back mulch and compost at the site.
  - c) Parcel 088-006, some language issues on deed, town attorney, Kim Hallquist and Chair Brown working on it. Leo Maslan is standing by to look at it for harvesting
  - d) Mike Gelcius - % of conserved land - report is ready to go, Mike to send a copy to Kim Hallquist and Janet Kidder.

- e) At town meeting a land gift was made to the town, 119-001, off Bog Road, .15 acres, near Clark Pond marsh. Bob will remind BOS that CC would like that parcel. (does not have a clear title)
- **Trails**
    - a) Rob Prohl and Ken Kessler attended Primex chain saw training.
    - b) Ken is working on different projects. He discovered the bridge at Clark Pond is collapsing. Bob suggested building a new bridge and should be done before winter.
    - c) Mike G. is continuing to clean up at the Low Plain area.
    - d) Cricenti-Philbrook Bog – Ruth White said that the stairs are very nice and she has heard positive comments about them. Ruth suggested that the CC put a sign that is visible from the road – Mike G. is going to make a sign. Ruth stated that we still need a new docent for Bog tours.
    - e) David & Risa Radeke each earned a trail patch in October 2021.
  - **Invasive Program** – a letter went out to the land owners on Seamans road, did not hear back. May look into the lot on Pearl Street.
  - **Fireworks** - Chair Brown is concerned about the pollution fireworks put into lakes. LSPA and DES have publications with documentation about fireworks. Rob Prohl will be contacting someone on the Pleasant Lake Board.
  - **Easement Help** – Mark Vernon is asking for help with the monitoring paperwork of the easements, there are 8-10 of them. Steve Walker of the Office of Strategic Initiative monitors some of them now. Rob Prohl will be helping.
  - **Community Forums** – October 23rd & 25th at the Kearsarge Learning Center.

**IT WAS MOVED (Michael Gelcius) AND SECONDED (Ruth White) to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2021 meeting. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Motion to Adjourn.**

**IT WAS MOVED (Michael Gelcius) AND SECONDED (Ruth White) to adjourn the meeting. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Jackman  
Town of New London