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NEW LONDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes APPROVED
Wednesday, February 15, 2023

Call to order – Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Brown (chair), Michael Gelcius, Mark Vernon, Sue Andrews, Bob Hutter, Dode Gladders

(There were 6 members present, 2 are alternates that can vote. The Board of Selectmen need to appoint one of the alternates to be a full member, after the Town Meeting)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rob Prohl, Michael Kennedy

OTHERS PRESENT: Peg Birch, (NL resident)

Permit applications updates – Mike Gelcius

- Only 1 sewage permit.

Conservation Land Projects

- 088-006 –the lender (Mr. Cooper) now understands that they have written a mortgage to a family that owns the parcel that does not have a clear title. The property needs to have a survey done. It could cost up to \$4000. And the CC is not in a position to pay for that.

Philbrook/Cricenti Bog Walkway

- Chair Brown sent a memo to the committee with thoughts and ideas on the bog project.
- It was discussed that the committee will continue to work on fundraising and will look into places that offer grants, educational foundations, OSI, banks, supermarkets.
- Sue Andrews, Bob Hutter & Rob Prohl are the subcommittee and will be meeting soon.
- The flyer will be updated.
- Need 67K for materials for phase 3.
- If someone asks if their donation is tax deductible, refer them to Internal Revenue code 170C1

Motion made by Sue Andrews to designate the funds received from Barry Wright's memorial to be used for the bog. **Second** by Michael Gelcius. **Unanimously approved.**

Easement monitoring - Sue & Mark will go in Low Plain in the spring.

Trails – Mark Vernon

- A letter was received suggesting we do something about the trails in regards to people not cleaning up after their dogs. The trails in question were Low Plains, Clark Lookout and Coco's Path. It was noted that there are 12 dog mutt stations and we go through 2000 bags a

year. Mark Vernon is going to put something in the Municipal Matters and will write a reply letter.

- Peg Birch & Mark are working on the plant identification markers and decided they would not be putting the Latin name on the markers. Peg Birch stated there could be a sheet with the Latin names made available on the website.
- Mark Vernon mentioned the land owner trail agreement list and it was decided to not pursue it any further.
- The Messer pond culvert area has standing water, and it is approximately 8” above normal level. It may not be beavers that are causing the blockages, it could be muskrats. Chair Brown reached out to Peter Bloch to see if a better drone video could be done.

New Business

- Chair Brown stated that perhaps a new logo could be made for the Conservation Commission. He looked back in old town reports and discovered that in 1964 there was a warrant article to approve the formation of a Town Conservation Commission. Established in 1965. Bob would like the logo to have “Incorporated in 1965” or something to that affect, along with a mascot that could be used on the CC website, letterhead, patches, T-shirts, hats, etc.
- Research needs to be done on some of the property names (i.e., Philbrook-Cricenti Bog) and then make and put up some recognition plaques.
- Chair Brown is in the process of making a donation box to be put at the bog kiosk.
- Mike Gelcius is working on making a new thermometer to put at the bog kiosk. (once the snow melts)
- June 3, 2023 NHTOA meeting at Star Lake – 8:00 AM
- Wilmot Tree ID – February 18, 20 23 @ 10 AM – meet at the Red Barn.

Motion made by Mike Gelcius to accept the January 18, 2023 meeting minutes as amended. **Second** by Dode Gladders. **Unanimously approved.**

Motion made by Mike Gelcius to adjourn the meeting. **Second** by Mark Vernon **Unanimously approved.** The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM

Next meeting Wednesday, March 15th, 2023, at 8:30 AM in the SYD CROOK ROOM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Jackman
Town of New London