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NEW LONDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 17, 2021 via zoom

8:30 AM

Due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this Board is authorized to meet electronically. The public has access to contemporaneously listen and participate in this meeting through the video conferencing platform Zoom.us.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Brown (chair), Michael Gelcius, Ruth White, Joe Kubit, Andy Deegan, Michael Kennedy, Dode Gladders

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Vernon (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT: Rick Davies, P.H.S.C.

1. **Call to order** – Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 8:30am. Dode Gladders will be acting as a voting member.
2. **Public comment** – None
3. **Permit applications updates**

Michael Gelcius reported on the following projects:

- a. Hospital Continuum project update: go approval for site plans, work in progress, one less cluster housing, bigger building to be smaller.
- b. 235 Pilothouse Road - DES needed more information.
- c. New: 178 Poor Road, building a garage, removing some impervious surfaces.
- d. Goose Hole Road – town project seems to be going forward

4. **Review and accept the January 20, 2021 draft meeting minutes.**

IT WAS MOVED (Michael Kennedy) AND SECONDED (Mike Gelcius) to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2021 meeting. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. **Conservation Land Acquisition Projects - ASLPT - Update by Andy Deegan**

Big Hilltop approached ASLPT, Pam Perkins representing the Howard family, over 1.6 million dollars for land, Andy will find out how quickly the family wants to do it, people around Herricks cove most affected. Plan is to contact realtor, the town will own it. ASLPT to go forward with L-chip and private fund raising. More discussion at March meeting.

6. **Projects:**

- P & S on 9.5 acres on Morgan Hill Road, doing fund raising and getting appraisal now.
- 88-6 low plain east side of Andover Road, 23 acres, very wet, connects with town property on Laurel Lane. Tax card states worth \$150.K. owners talked with a realtor and

claims it has 4-6 house lots. Adjusted price is \$245.K. owner will not share cost of appraisal. Andy to help with contacts for appraisal and get more information.

- Low Plain 200 – NH Fish & Game – lands attorney doing an amended conservation easement plan, looking for and updated base line
 - ECWMA (Low Plain) Forest/Wildlife Management Harvest – approved intent to cut, contract signed, Mike G. to contact Dianne about mailing out letter and map to abutters.
 - Pine Hill Ski Club – proposed storage building, has wetlands in Sheppard Spring area, near gravel pit. Schedule to meet with Kim Hallquist and Adam Ricker.
 - NHSFN – seedlings sold out, Bob to investigate getting 25 silver maple trees and a song bird package.
7. **Trails:** lot of activities, winter hiking events went well. Mark Vernon has updated list of trails. Mark Vernon working with printer, many updates. ASLPT to review it before going to printer. Approximately \$1500. To print.

8. **Invasive Program**

The NHDES program is on hold pending Covid guidance. Dode Gladders spoke about the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) and Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA). Bird population is down, contact Audubon Society.

New business/other

Mike Gelcius spoke about the website situation; CC provider is Yahoo. They are changing the formatting and what it supports; it will take time to convert the NLCC web site to the new format but the site will not need to be shut down during conversion.

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10. **Next Meeting Date** - The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 17, 2021.

11. **Motion to Adjourn**

IT WAS MOVED (Michael Gelcius) AND SECONDED (Ruth White) to adjourn the meeting. Bob Brown: yes, Michael Gelcius: yes, Ruth White: yes, Michael Kennedy: yes, Joseph Kubit: yes, Andy Deegan: yes, Dode Gladders: yes. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Jackman
Town of New London