



# TOWN OF NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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## NEW LONDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### Approved Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 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, Michael Kennedy, Dode Gladders (left at 9:00)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mark Vernon (excused) Andy Deegan (excused)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Rick Davies, Director of Pine Hill Ski Club

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** – Rick Davies from Pine Hill Ski club stated that they had a great ski season.
3. **Permit applications updates:**

Michael Gelcius reported on the following projects:

- a. Goose Hole Road – town project – DES needed more information.
- b. 117 Sunset Shores – demo and rebuild – a percentage of the impervious surface is being changed.
- c. A couple of sewer/septic permits

4. **Review and accept the February 17, 2021 draft meeting minutes.**

**IT WAS MOVED (Michael Gelcius) AND SECONDED (Ruth White) to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2021 meeting. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. **Dode Gladders** – 603 Challenge – it's a simple fund raiser from the University Cooperative Extension, it supports volunteers, offers classes. Has 100% matching funds. Bob Brown suggested the CC donate.

**IT WAS MOVED (Bob Brown) AND SECONDED (Mike Gelcius) to donate \$100. From the Conservation Commission to the 603 Challenge. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. **Projects:**

- American Chestnut Foundation sold out within 5 hours. We do have 25 trees to plant in 3 locations.
- Low Plains – loggers took out pine from a difficult area, then they moved into the 200 area and should be done this week. It will be a month before the final numbers come in. The tour on March 13<sup>th</sup> went well, 3 people from Sutton.

- Trail Maps – they are ready to go except for one decision about using color on the back page. Need to know how much more money it would cost. Mark Vernon is looking into it.

#### 7. Trails

- the CC posted the intern opening at Colby Sawyer College, received only one applicant to date.
- There was a good article in the Sunday paper.
- Should we do something about notifying the public as to how fragile our trails are during mud season? It was agreed that Mike Gelcius would write something up for Facebook, Municipal Matters and the newspapers. Mike Kennedy will work with Mark Vernon to post sheets on the trailheads.
- The trails to the duck blinds will be closed in April.

#### 8. Invasive Program

The NHDES program is still on hold pending Covid guidance. Possibly something in April as people are continuing to get vaccinated.

#### 9. New business/other

- Town Meeting: to be held June 9, 2021
- discussion about the Big Hilltop project
- discussion about the Low Plain/East /side 23 acres, what is it worth? Do we want an appraisal? How much does an appraisal cost? Adam Ricker did an overlay with the buffers and wetlands and came up with approximately 10 buildable acres. Do we want to go to the town meeting with a warrant article? The Town owns a 30-acre lot that abuts a corner of this lot with access via Laurel Lane. There are adequate funds in the Mary Haddad account.
- Bob Brown will have a discussion with one of the selectmen and report back to the committee.

10. **Next Meeting Date** - The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 21, 2021.

#### 11. Motion to Adjourn

**IT WAS MOVED (Ruth White) AND SECONDED (Mike Gelcius) 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