



TOWN OF  
NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

375 MAIN STREET • NEW LONDON, NH 03257 • NEWLONDON.NH.GOV

**NEW LONDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes Approved**  
**Wednesday, March 22, 2023**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mark Vernon, Sue Andrews, Bob Hutter

Chair Brown stated that Bob Hutter submitted his resignation.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** none

**Permit applications updates** – Mike Gelcius – no permits

**Conservation Land Projects**

- 088-006 –Chair Brown still reaches out to the realtor every other week. This parcel is very important to the CC.

**Philbrook/Cricenti Bog Walkway**

- Donations are still coming in but have slowed down significantly.
- There are some funds in the B. Wright account and in the forestry projects account if absolutely necessary.
- A poster and flyers were put up in the lobby of the town meeting.
- All thank you letters are up to date.
- The subcommittee met and discussed some more options/plans:
  - Another bog awareness day
  - Booth at Hospital Day
  - Raffle?
- Phase 2, aluminum part should be done by July, wood plank upgrades should be done by end of summer.
- Mike G. and Michael K. are sending letters/emailing a few other places asking for donations.
- Suggestions were made to have CC members attend a Rotary meeting, reach out to the Chamber of Commerce, the town of Sunapee's CC, see if the CC can get a spot on WNTK
- Dode explained that the NH Charitable Trust receives a lot of requests for funds, and the process they use is that they go through all the applications and then decide which group gets funding.

**Easement monitoring**

- Low Plain – NHF&G, Steve Walker is the Low Plain monitor.

**Trails (& miscellaneous notes)– (Chair Brown updated for Mark)**

- Mark sent a reply letter to the person that was complaining about people not cleaning up after their dogs.
- Mutt Mitts are being ordered
- Mike G. is going to refill the book library at Clark Lookout
- Messer pond/Clark Pond blockage may be due to muskrats, Peter Bloch did a drone fly over and it looks like snow and ice are the problem right now. Will look into it more in the spring.
- A Messer Pond resident complained that someone was feeding the ducks, there is no law saying you can't feed ducks: Bob Brown saw some NHF&G trucks and stopped to talk with them. They were the ones feeding the ducks so that they could capture them and do testing on the ducks for Avian flu. Bob stated he would like to see the report once done.

#### **Old/New Business**

- Chair Brown had emailed "samples" of a logo for patches, T shirts or hats. Discussion was held and the CC members are going to think about different designs. Any ideas email them to Bob and will be discussed at the next meeting.
- At the June 3, 2023, NHTOA meeting at Star Lake – 8:00 AM the Kendall Norcott Award will be given to Leo Maslin.
- Chair Brown mentioned that the Phillips property should be looked at for tree harvesting to maintain the view.

**Motion** made by Rob Prohl to accept the February 15, 2023, meeting minutes. **Second** by Michael Kennedy. **Unanimously approved.**

**Motion** made by Mike Gelcius to adjourn the meeting. **Second** by Rob Prohl.

**Unanimously approved.** The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM

Next meeting Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 8:30 AM at Whipple Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Jackman  
Town of New London