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NEW LONDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 21, 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, Mark Vernon

OTHERS PRESENT: Rick Davies, P.H.S.C. Bill Reinstein, Cynthia Folsom, Alan Kozlowski

1. **Call to order** – Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

2. **Public comment** – Alan Kozlowski – Herrick Cove

Mr. Kozlowski stated that he feels the town of New London needs an inspector. Chair Brown stated that Mr. Kozlowski needs to go to the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board to express his concerns.

IT WAS MOVED (Michael Gelcius) AND SECONDED (Joe Kubit) to make a recommendation to the BOS and Planning Board. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **Permit applications updates**

- 81 Lighthouse Road – Bill Reinstein & Cynthis Folsom – applied for a seasonal canopy, it meets all the regulations. Application needs to be signed.
- 163 Morgan Hill Road – moving ahead, no dredging or disturbing is being done.
- 117 Sunset Shore – got permit from DES.

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

IT WAS MOVED (Michael Gelcius) AND SECONDED (Joe Kubit) to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2021 meeting. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

- Two Brook woods – 28 acres – closed.
- Messer Property – 9 acres – closed.
- Davis Hill Road – 16 acres – closed.
- The land by Clark Lookout: owners want town to buy but \$1.65 million for 30 acres is too much at this time. Stand by!

6. Projects:

- Ester Currier low plains area – harvest is done, went well. Made \$10,500. And possibly \$6000 to \$7000 more coming. According to a warrant from a few years ago half the money goes to CC and the other half goes in the town general fund. A disgruntled Sutton neighbor complaining about the area.
- Seedlings: Mark Vernon inspected some of the chestnut seedlings at Clark Outlook and doing great, Bob Brown inspected some at Shaker St. and they are coming along. Going to order more to put in additional sites.
- Project 603 Challenge – CC made donation.
- Trail Intern – have 3 candidates, Mark meeting with one this week. Put ad in Municipal Matters, on town website, at CSC and Mark looking into a few other places.

7. Trails:

- A large lumber order is being delivered to Bob Brown.
- Ruth White would like help collecting the gnome doors and she will coordinate getting them fixed up and put back.
- Kidder Cleveland trail is still wet but better than last fall.
- Some discussion on improving the entrance area to the Cricenti Bog.
- Mark Vernon mentioned that in his travels he has noticed that there are laminated maps posted at a lot of trail heads. People take pictures before hiking.

8. Invasive Program

The NHDES program is on hold pending Covid guidance, Mike Kennedy will contact them in early May.

9. New business/other:

- Town meeting is June 9th, 2021, going to put in a request for a warrant article for forest harvesting on the Phillips property.
- Question was asked if volunteers should be Covid vaccinated? Bob Brown to check with Kim Hallquist.

10. IT WAS MOVED (Michael Gelcius) AND SECONDED (Michael Kennedy) to go into a Non-Public session. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. Time 10:15 AM

11. IT WAS MOVED (Michael Gelcius) AND SECONDED (Michael Kennedy) to go out of a Non-Public session. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. Time 10:45 AM

12. Next Meeting Date - The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021.

13. Motion to Adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Jackman
Town of New London