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NEW LONDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – Approved

Tuesday May 14, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Brown (chair) Michael Gelcius, Jim Dexter, Mark Vernon, Michael Kennedy, Sue Andrews, Dave Hollinger (alt.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rob Prohl

OTHERS PRESENT: Don Bartlett, Anna White, Sarah Peabody, Katherine Burt (Climate Action Team CSC/Ameri-Corp) Don Ostler

Public Comment/Appointment – Climate Action Team CSC/Ameri-Corp

- Anna White updated the committee on the invasive control project that is going to be started at the Low Plains. She stated that she is reaching out to local tree companies to get donations of wood chips.
- Jim Dexter said there is a location in Bradford that has free wood chips, but that it would take a lot of manpower and truck and/or trailers to move it.
- It was mentioned that there is a pile of pine needles at the stump dump.
- Need to organize some volunteers to help with this project.
- Mike Gelcius stated that he was in touch with NH F&G (Jim Ohler) and was told that everything with the easement is OK.
- Bob Brown stated that some used plastic material is being delivered with the lumber delivery on May 16th, 2024.

Permits – Mike Gelcius – none

TACF Meeting

- The American Chestnut Foundation meeting was held at Tracy Library on May 11th, 2024. There were 7 CC members and 2 supporters. The meeting was casual but focused. The CC has been working with them for 5 years and the ACF is very pleased to be working with NLCC. They visited a few sites. Currently have about 30 seedlings that are doing well. The AFC wants to do more work with the NLCC, they gave us 30 more seed nuts and Bob Brown has planted those. They offered some steel stakes, tubes, landscape material. They requested we send them a list of needs/wants. Mark Vernon stated that they spoke about companion planting of daffodils, and that there is chestnut lumber available. Jim Dexter and Mark Vernon are looking into that.

Trails- Mark Vernon

- Clark Pond – John Walsh is helping with plant ID.
- Rick Davies & Jeff Troxell are doing sign rehab.
- Several projects on going.

- Sue Andrews stated that she received all the monitoring reports from Ann Payeur (Ausbon Sargent).
- Phillips preserve – is there a forest management plan that is going to be going on in the next few years? If so, Ann Payeur needs to know. Chair Brown stated that Leo Mastin is going to be updating the plan in the next few months.
- It was mentioned that there is a tree stand in the Phillips preserve area, and that there is a restriction for hunting in that area. Mark Vernon is looking into it.
- Lyon Brook aluminum bridge has been ordered.

119-002 Clark Pond wetlands – Jim Dexter – see handout

- Jim & Ethan Simon are making great progress – Thank you to both!

Philbrick/Cricenti Bog

- Don Bartlett has made great progress on the tundra loop, 13 sections 20% done. A lumber delivery is scheduled for May 16th, 2024.
- The next aluminum portion is scheduled for June 17th & 18th, 2024. If the CC could provide a few volunteers it would be a great help.
- Bob Brown to order some caps for the posts.

Old/New Business

- NLGC – Secret Garden Tour is scheduled for June 20, 2024 at the PC Bog. Chair Brown is going to ask if they have any flowers/bulbs to donate to the CC.
- Earth Day Hike was a little disappointing, only 7 people.
- Bob Brown mentioned that there is a Kearsarge Regional bulletin website that is free and can post anything. Mike Gelcius is looking into it.
- Mike Gelcius stated that Robert Dunn from NH Department of Safety said that some maps on the CC website do not correspond with theirs. Mark Vernon and Mike Gelcius are looking into it.
- Chair Brown stated that he is going to follow up with Cara Leone about E911 numbering of properties.

088-006- Bob Brown – no update

Motion made by Mark Vernon to accept the April 17th, 2024, meeting minutes. **Second** by Dave Hollinger, unanimously **approved**.

Motion made by Mike Gelcius to adjourn the meeting. **Second** by Michael Kennedy. **Unanimously approved**. The meeting was adjourned.

- Next meeting Wednesday June 19th, 2024, at 8:30 AM at Whipple Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Jackman

Town of New London

