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NEW LONDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION Meeting Minutes APPROVED Wednesday, May 17, 2023

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Brown (chair) Michael Gelcius, Michael Kennedy, Mark Vernon, Sue Andrews, Rob Prohl

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

Chair Brown stated that we need more members. Any suggestions are welcome. Bob recommends that they would go to a few meetings as well as go to some trail work sites and fill out a volunteer form.

OTHERS PRESENT: Don Bartlett

Permit applications updates – Mike Gelcius

- 5 notifications of a permits being issued for sewage systems
- 3 applications for dock replacements
- 1 application for walk way through a wetland

Conservation Land Projects

- 088-006 –Chair Brown stated it's been 23 months. The latest update: Bob is still calling Stefan bi weekly. Someone from Mr. Cooper's office called the NL town office asking for a copy of the deed.

Philbrook/Cricenti Bog Walkway

- Bog Awareness Day is scheduled for August 12th, more information to be coming.
- Mark stated that there is a good size file on the history of the bog, he is going to go through the files and report next month.
 - Interesting note – back in the 1970's there were 300 loads of gravel hand wheeled into the bog
 - On the Philbrick deed it states that no buildings, etc. can be put in the bog.
- Hi Country is scheduled for June 13 & 14 to install phase 2! Caps for the tops of the posts are made and Bob Brown is going to pick them up and drill holes in them prior to the install.
- Lumber delivery is scheduled for June 30th, Mark has several volunteers to bring the boards into the bog.

- Discussion was held on how and when to remove the old boards
- Mark V. stated that we need to be careful (in regards to the bog entrance) and abide by our own rules
- Donations are still coming in. discussion was held in regards to more companies etc. to reach out to:
 - Gordon Research – need persons contact information – Mike G. to reach out to CSC
 - Asplundh, Irving Energy, Coke & Pepsi, LaValleys – Bob Brown looking into these.
 - Mascoma Bank, Proctor, NH Charitable foundation – Mike Gelcius looking into these.
 - Hypertherm – Mark V. looking into.
 - If anyone has any other foundations to look into let the committee know.

Easement monitoring

- Mark & Sue walked Low Plains and found and marked the boundary lines. Sue stated that they still need to look at Wilder Lane.

Materials

Trails

- Mike G. has 6 aluminum signs to be mounted and put near the American Chestnut, there are 70 AC trees in the ground at various locations.
- Mark stated that the trails are in great shape thanks to Don and volunteers.
- Mark is working with Peg Birch in labeling the plants. 70 Plant ID tags were ordered.
- Mark has been working on the Webb Forest interpretive trail, he will send the draft to Van Webb for review. Mark is researching signs for the trail.
- Bob Brown said the VT/NH chapter of American chestnut sent him a bag of seeds/nuts.
- Don Bartlett stated that the entrance to Clark Lookout needs repair

Old/New Business

- Chair Brown stated the logo is on hold for now.
- Mike G. was able to get a wheel barrow and it is at the entrance to Low Plains, he may paint on it property of CC.
- Rotary Club meets June 23rd at 7:15 AM at the First Baptist Church and they would like the C to speak for 30 minutes.
- There are some bluebird houses available, Mark & Sue are going to use one as a boundary marker and place it in Kellett's field.
- MC DOC crew – Mark will reach out to them to schedule them for two days work
- Don Bartlett and Mark have checked out the water level at Messer Pond, they are willing to go in and check it out.

- Chair Brown spoke to Andy Deegan (ASLPT) about his visit with the CC last year asking for input about the NL co-occurrence map update. We gave him the desirable land list and the board feels that is enough.

Motion made by Mike Gelcius to accept the April 19, 2023 meeting minutes (with changes made) **Second** by Mark Vernon. **Unanimously approved.**

Motion made by Rob Prohl to adjourn the meeting. **Second** by Mike Gelcius **Unanimously approved.** The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM

Next meeting Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 8:30 AM at Sydney Crook Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Jackman
Town of New London