



# TOWN OF NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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## NEW LONDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 19, 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, (late) Michael Kennedy, Dode Gladders, (absent) Mark Vernon

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Nancy Marashio, Fenwood Home Association

1. **Call to order** – Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 8:30am. (meeting is being recorded)
2. **Public comment** – none.
  - Note from Bob Brown: Town Meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2021 at the Historical society. All are planning on attending. (Bob is not 100% sure)
3. **Sheep/Juniper Hill** – David Cook on agenda, but was not at the meeting.
4. **Fenwood Home Association** – Nancy Marashio

Nancy is the new president of the FHA and had a few questions. There are two common areas and she wanted clarification. The first common area is for residents and the second area is restricted. Mark Vernon explained that the restricted area is a buffer zone between the bog and Fenwood. Nancy stated that in the regulations it says that FHS pays the CC \$150. Annually to check the water quality. She wanted to know if it has been paid and has the water been checked? Ruth White is going to contact someone at LSPA and let CC know. Nancy would also like to have someone from Fenwood to be part of the monitoring.

5. **Permit applications updates** – Mike Gelcius
  - Eversource is cutting trees down in the ROW for approximately 18 poles. No tree clearing. Scenic roads have different rules.
6. **Review and accept the April 21, 2021 draft meeting minutes.**

**IT WAS MOVED (Michael Gelcius) AND SECONDED (Mike Kennedy) to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2021 meeting. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. **Conservation Land Acquisition Projects - ASLPT - Update by Andy Deegan**
  - They closed on two Brook Woods, Morgan Hill and Davis Hill. Watching what is going on with Big Hilltop.
  - Cricenti parcels: 40 acres, 6 in commercial 34 in residential. Last he knew it was \$3.1 Million

- The parcel behind town shed, selectmen and building committee looking into it.

**8. Projects:**

- New London Easement monitoring, Mark Vernon is stepping down and Joe Kubit will be the new coordinator. 11 parcels to be monitored. (some discussion followed and there is a list of parcels that need to be looked at)
- Gnome doors being painted by Mike Gelcius, then will go back to Ruth White to have children at Windy Hill decorate.

**9. Trails:**

- Does the CC want to sponsor another hiking series? Mark Vernon to contact Auburn Sargent but it may be too late, maybe next year.
- Trail Patch – Ruth White suggested we put something in the Municipal Matters.
- Intern – 4-5 applicants, looking at budget, financial year ends 6/30/21. It would be for 200-240 hours. Need materials before hiring an intern, with the price of lumber being so high it may be an issue. Bob Brown stated that the CC received 60 boards of hemlock that are already used. He has asked for a quote for some pressure treated boards.
- ECWMA – CC made an offer that the owner accepted. P&S Kim Hallquist is reviewing it and sending it to the town's attorney. Verbal agreement only as of 5/19/21. Appraisal maybe a condition.
- Low Plain – planted 60 seedlings – Leo Maslin will be back to fix up some pot holes and will put some conservation mix seedlings (grass seed) seedlings in. He will also do more clean up and water bars. The parking area is scheduled to get some blue stone.

**10. Invasive Program:**

- Doug is only set up to do power point presentations. Possibly late summer, possibly partner with Wilmot CC. Mark Vernon knows someone on the Wilmot CC he will contact them. Mike Kennedy will reach out to Doug,

**11. New business/other:**

- Housing committee requests to be on next month's agenda.
- Bob Brown wanted to know if a few people could look into what percentage of NL land is conserved or protected. Budget committee often says our numbers are incorrect. Bob Brown feels we should be able to defend our numbers. We have been around 17%, going to request reserve funding again this year for \$25K. Mike Gelcius and Mike Kennedy volunteered to be this committee

**12. Next Meeting Date** - The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 16, 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 10:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Jackman  
Town of New London