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NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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**NEW LONDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes Approved**  
**Wednesday, June 16, 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, Michael Kennedy, Dode Gladders, Mark Vernon – Absent: Joe Kubit, Andy Deegan

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ann Payeur, David Cook, Geoff Lizotte, Tom Vannatta

**Call to order** – Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 8:30am. (meeting is being recorded)

1. **Public comment** – none.

2. **Permit applications updates:**

- a. Geoff Lizotte – LSPA – Davis Hill wetland – Geoff did a presentation and wanted to just share with the CC that they received a grant to work on the wetlands on Davis Hill.
  - b. Beach Replenishment on Moyers Lane, 6 cubic feet of sand.
  - c. 188 Hastings Landing, change and extend existing dock.
  - d. Received a report that someone on Messer Pond (Forest Acres Road) replaced an old dock with a larger aluminum dock. No permitting was filed.
3. **New London Housing Committee – Tom Vannatta** – at the 2020 town meeting it was approved to start a Housing commission to look into the needs for housing in New London. Three sub committees have been formed: 1. Workforce/low income, 2. Survey committee, 3. Land use regulations with zoning. They are working on developing a strategic plan.

4. **David & Celeste Cook – Sheep Hill/Juniper Hill**

The Cooks have lumber available to donate to the CC – they will coordinate with Mark Vernon.

David Cook has been working with Eversource on Whitney Brook Road – work is completed.

The Cooks would like some of the tall pines removed from their property to improve the views, there is some wording in their easement document that needs to be reviewed. They do not want a timber harvest and they do want to be included in anything that is done on their property.

5. **ASLPT – Ann Payeur** - The ASLPT wants to add the updated CC maps to their website.

Chair Brown stated that a small group would be put together to review and approve both the ASLPT request and the Cook request. All members agreed.

**6. Conservation Land Projects:**

- a. ECWMA – the conservation easement is back from F&G, now with the town office for BOS approval. Needs to go to Town council to look it over. The last step is to get the Government Executive council to sign it.
- b. Map/Lot 088-006 – P&S has been signed, engineer is lined up, town council to do legal work. Tentative closing date is 9/1/21. Public Hearing scheduled for July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00 PM at Whipple Memorial Hall. Chair Brown suggested this be called “Low Plain 250” as a project name.

**7. Events to be held at Low Plain:**

July 20, Kathleen Stowell from LSPA is holding a workshop for children and parents to talk about environmental issues with wetlands.

August 3, in the Low Plain overlook area an artist is going to be talking about wildlife and painting.

**8. Trails – Mark Vernon**

- a. An intern was hired (Ken Kessler) working in the bog now and would be willing to work into the fall.
- b. Efforts are being put into the Kidder Cleveland Clough property, the water level is low and no sign of any beaver activity. Mark Vernon to look into changing the website map.
- c. New projects: bridge in Webb forest needs to be fixed, Bog stairway built, wooden structure in Lyon Brook repaired, bike racks. Mark Vernon stated that he is OK with materials but would like 2 10’x16’ boards and more nails.
- d. Pressure treated lumber went up to \$28. A board and took 2 weeks to receive.

**9. Invasive Program - Mike Kennedy**

- a. August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 3:30 at Whipple Memorial Hall Doug Cygan, Invasive Species Coordinator (NHDA) will do a power point presentation.
- b. A discussion about Japanese knotweed and its invasiveness.

**10. New/Old Business:**

- a. In the Intertown Record there was a letter from a 9-year-old stating that there should be signs made to alert drivers about wildlife. The BOS said they would contact the CC. Mike Gelcius is to contact F&G.
- b. The gnome doors are done, the website needs to be changed and perhaps a mention in the Municipal Matters.
- c. DR Trimmer purchased last year works great – should it be used at Clark Lookout and Shaker Street?
- d. List of CC acreage – Mike K. & Mike G. did research and the ASLPT website has it as well as the Granite site. They hope to have more information at the next meeting.

**11. Planning Board update:**

- a. Valley News article on the proposed urgent care unit at New London Hospital.
- b. Spring Ledge is requesting another greenhouse and seasonal tent.
- c. 246 King Hill Road requesting to run a farm stand.
- d. US Cellular applying for a cell tower at the end of Hemlock Lane.

**Review and accept the May 19, 2021 draft meeting minutes.** (some changes were made)

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

**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 10:23 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Jackman  
Town of New London