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NEW LONDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, July 17th 2024 APPROVED

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

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

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

- Anna, Ava & Sarah updated the CC on the completion of the project. (see attachment) the Conservation commission thanked them for their efforts. Dave Hollinger volunteered to stay in touch with CSC and the Climate Action Group/Ameri-Corp.

Permits – Mike Gelcius

- Cara Leone sends a spreadsheet that lists the permits and shows their status.
- There were two beach replenishment permits
- One septic permit

Trails

- PC bog trailhead has been assigned a street number.
 - The trail configuration information on the maps on the NLCC website and on the trail head maps does not match the actual trails in many cases. Mark Vernon, Jim Dexter and Mike Gelcius are working on this. May need to add this to the budget. Driveway permits are needed to get a street number assigned.
- Lyon Brook bridge is scheduled to be delivered on July 26th, 2024. Mark V. is working with Hypertherm and other volunteers. Work to start at 8:30 AM.
- Junior Trail patch – Mike G. stated that the form is on the CC website, and that he is working with Putnam Kidder of the Recreation Department to design a “Junior” hiking patch or other completion item.

119-002 Clark Pond wetlands

- Watching the situation – water level is down below 0, and there is 5” of water in culvert.
- Ethan Simon (MPPA) stated the old gauge is not working properly.
- The CC is going to install a new gauge and a sign explaining that this is a natural area and with the CC name below.

Funding/Budget

- Chair Brown received an email from the Finance Officer (Lynn Lewis) in regards to the PC Bog walkway project. It stated that it was \$20K overspent. Discussion followed. Mike G. has analyzed the situation and it is the CC understanding that the Recreation Commission and the CC had both previously approved that up to \$42K was to be transferred out of the Mary Haddad fund. The BOS had discussed it at an earlier meeting as well.

Motion was made by Mike Gelcius to reaffirm that the NLCC fully supports using up to \$42K from the Mary Haddad Fund for Phase 3 of the PC Bog walkway project. **Second** by Michael Kennedy. Unanimously **approved**.

- Chair Brown will contact the BOS/Kim Hallquist/Lynn Lewis in regards to this issue.

Philbrick/Cricenti Bog

- HCAP installed phase 3 on June 17th & 18th.
- \$102 received from piggy bank
- Another lumber delivery is scheduled for late August.

Old/New Business

- (old) The Technical Assistant grant that was applied for was accepted and granted. Mark V. had an on-site visit. They will be putting signs up in 2025. Mark will have more information at the next meeting.
- (old) TACF is willing to work with us and provide material (stakes, wire mesh, weed mats) A work day is tentatively planned for 9-14-24 at Clark Lookout area. The CC will provide lunch. **Motion** made by Mike Gelcius to partner with TACF, **Second** by Mark Vernon. Unanimously **approved**.
- (old) There is a tree stand at the Phillips preserve and there are two boats (a paddle boat and a small aluminum boat) at the Messer Pond picnic area. Mark Vernon left a note on the boats and the tree stand.
- (old) **088-006** – this has been going on since 5/2021 when the P&S was first signed, the P&S will expire in 90 days. A copy of a survey was found and Sue A. is looking into seeing if it was recorded.

Motion made by Bob Brown to request from the BOS or Kim Hallquist to contact town council to get a written status report on this project and a proposed closing date. **Second** by Rob Prohl, unanimously **approved**.

- (new) Rob Prohl brought up the fact that the CC and the Planning board should be communicating. He suggested that the PB minutes be read.
- (new) Mark V. mentioned that the town of Springfield has a seedling giveaway program on their old home day. He thought it might be a good idea for NLCC to do this type of thing at Hospital days. It was tabled until next year's hospital day.

Motion made by Mike Gelcius to approve the request from William Reale to have vehicle access to Clark Lookout on 9-21-24 for a wedding. Access to be limited to one vehicle. **Second** by Mike Kennedy unanimously **approved**.

Motion made by Mark Vernon to accept the June 19th, 2024, meeting minutes as amended. **Second** by Mike Gelcius, unanimously **approved**.

Motion made by Sue Andrews to adjourn the meeting. **Second** by Jim Dexter. Unanimously **approved**. The meeting was adjourned.

- Next meeting Wednesday August 21st, 2024, at 8:30 AM at Whipple Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Jackman
Town of New London