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NEW LONDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes - Approved

Monday July 19, 2023

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Don Bartlett, Dave Hollinger, Robert Hrabchak

Permit applications updates – Mike Gelcius

- Robert & Anne Hrabchak (1365 Little Sunapee Rd. ML 031-013) had a beach sand replenishment permit. They were made aware that they can only have 6 cubic yards. A motion was made by Michael Gelcius to approve the permit, **Seconded** by Bob Brown. **Unanimously approved.**
- Pine Hill Ski Club sent a letter requesting they are allowed to use the Low Plains areas for cross country skiing. Mike Gelcius made a motion to approve the Pine Hill Ski Club to use the land from 10/23-5/24. Rob Prohl **seconded. Unanimously approved.**

Membership

- members must be New London residents.
- Bob Brown suggested we reach out to Colby Sawyer college in the environmental studies program to see if any interns could come from there. Mark will reach out to someone at the college.
- Rob Prohl will be writing something up about membership to put in Municipal Matters.

Conservation Land Projects

- 088-006 –Bob Brown spoke to the land owner, they are still interested in selling.

Philbrook/Cricenti Bog Walkway

- The bog had some butterfly people visitors and they discovered a rare butterfly in the bog!
- Phase two completed!
- Hi Country Aluminum costs came in under budget.
- Don Bartlett has done excellent work in the bog; the CC thanks him.

- Fire Line Tree service sent a proposal to cut the hazardous trees from the bog entrance. Bob Brown made a motion to use Fire Line Tree company, and to not exceed \$1200. Michael Gelcius **seconded. Unanimously approved.**
- Mike G. and Bob B. are working on a new kiosk to be put at the entrance to the bog. This kiosk will include a donation box as well as a place for a log book. The thermometer will also be updated.
- Bog awareness day is being moved to the fall.
- Chamber night is August 3rd, the CC is hoping to have a table there, Rob Prohl is reaching out to the person at the Chamber to see if we can get a table. If so, the table will need to be manned and posters and brochures need to be printed.
- Hospital Day has a vendor day on Saturday (8/5) but it is mostly for vendors not fund raising
- Bar Harbor donated to the bog and on 7/26 at 5:00 at the bog they will be presenting the CC a “big” check. There will be photo’s taken and news coverage.
- NH Charitable foundation application has been submitted.
- Rotary meeting (7/7) Bob, Mark & Rob gave a presentation.
- Business after hours with the chamber scheduled for the fall.
- Bob Brown spoke to Peter Bloch about doing a drone promo flight. Bob Brown made a motion to authorize up to \$600. To spend on this. **Seconded** by Mike Gelcius. **Unanimously approved.**
- Mike Kennedy has reached out to someone at Gordon Research, he will keep us posted.
- Bob Brown has talked with Putt Kidder (recreation director) and hopes to coordinate taking kids into the bog.
- Don Bartlett is going to send emails with measurements for more aluminum walkways and his needs for more lumber. He also stated he needs wood chips to cover 260’.

Trails

- Mark stated that the MCDOC sent 4 people to help with trails, they were able to clear an area at Clark lookout. They are scheduled to return on 7/25/23. After that Mark will send a thank you card to them.
- Mark had a preliminary sign for the Webb forest trails. It needs to be worked on more.
- Mark passed around a photo of the beech leaf disease.
- Mark reported that some vandalism is occurring under the power line area, grade stakes are missing and being destroyed.
- Ausborn Sargent is willing to partner with the CC on coordinating some hikes in our area (Cook and Webb properties)

Old/New Business

- Michael Kennedy is looking into Daybreak.

Motion made by Michael Kennedy to accept the June 19, 2023, meeting minutes **Second** by Mike Gelcius. **Unanimously approved.**

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

Next meeting Wednesday, August 16th, 2023, at 8:30 AM at Sydney Crook Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Jackman
Town of New London