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NEW LONDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes Approved

Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at Whipple Hall

8:30 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Brown (chair), Michael Gelcius, Ruth White, Michael Kennedy, Dode Gladders, Mark Vernon, Joe Kubit – Absent: Andy Deegan

OTHERS PRESENT: Adam Ricker, Planning & Zoning Administrator

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

1. **Public comment** – none.
2. Adam Ricker was invited to the meeting to speak about a Planning Board memo that was sent out and Chair Brown was confused about it. Mr. Ricker stated that the CIP process has changed and is now hopefully will be able to help the BOS and the Budget Committee. There are three steps:
 - a) Infrastructure
 - b) Equipment/databases
 - c) Miscellaneous – land acquisitions and or special studies

The Chairman of each town committee is to fill out a spreadsheet and submit it to the Budget Committee.

3. Permit applications updates:

DES is now looking into the dock on Messer Pond (Forest Acres Road) not 100% conclusive. No permit was filed.

4. Conservation Land Projects:

- a) ECWMA – the conservation easement is back from F&G, Kim Hallquist looked at it, now waiting for BOS approval. The last step is to get the Government Executive council to sign it, then back to the Conservation Commission.
- b) Final clean up of L/P landing area, Leo Maslin will be doing that as well as digging some holes for tree planting.
- c) Map/Lot 088-006 –the Public Hearing on July 12th,2021 went well. The closing is scheduled for 9/1/2021.
- d) Chair Brown would like to see some recognition plaques put up on the recent 5 parcels that the Mary Haddad Fund monies were used to acquire the parcels. Mike Gelcius is looking into it.
- e) Horizons is ready to work on the environmental survey.
- f) Mike Gelcius and Mike Kennedy are working on the % of NL conserved land. They have identified a few locations and will pull information and be ready for the next meeting.

5. The American Chestnut Foundation

There are 20 seedlings, most have done well. Dode Gladders will help fertilize last years seedlings as well as plant some new ones in September.

6. Trails

- a) The intern that was hired, Ken Kessler, is working regularly and will continue into the fall. He helped build the bike rack and is doing a lot of weed whacking. He also is being invited to attend the next CC meeting.
- b) Ruth White stated that the garden club was very impressed with the new boards into the bog. She also asked that we try to find someone to help with the tours of the bog. Ruth will ask the garden club if they have any recommendations.
- c) Another possible tiny library is in the works, they do require monitoring. The one at Clark Lookout is very popular. Suggestions were made as to where to put the new one. Clark Pond (near the kiosk) or Great Brook?
- d) Andover Road culvert, Mike Gelcius discussed the Andover Road culvert which is having blockage problems caused by beavers. Water flow into Pleasant Lake is being restricted. DOT has been out to the site and is working on keeping the water flow at a normal rate.
- e) Lumber – placed a small order for some 2x8 PT. May also get some hemlock as it is less expensive.
- f) Trail Patch – Ruth White is looking into it.
- g) August 12th, 2021 there is a Greenway sponsored trail run.
- h) August 3rd, 2021 there will be an artist at Low Plain.

7. Invasive Program - Mike Kennedy

August 12th, 2021 at 4:00 at Whipple Memorial Hall. Doug Cygan, Invasive Species Coordinator (NHDA) will do a power point presentation. Some advertising will be done.

8. New/Old Business:

- a) Mark Vernon stated that on behalf of the CC they appreciate the donation of lumber from David & Celeste Cook gave.
- b) There is a new conservation commission handbook available that Mark Vernon is going to purchase.
- c) Mark Vernon addressed the concern raised in an email about the timing of roadside mowing. The requestor suggested that delaying mowing until later in the summer season will benefit pollinizers and pollinators. This message was carried to Public Works who agreed and will try to accommodate, given scheduling constraints.

Review and accept the June 16, 2021 draft meeting minutes. (Some changes were made)

IT WAS MOVED (Michael Gelcius) AND SECONDED (Mike Kennedy) to approve the minutes of the June 16, 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 10:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Jackman
Town of New London