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NEW LONDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes - Approved

Monday August 16, 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, Peg Birch, NL resident, John Doyle, MPPA, Mary Doyle, MPPA, Audrey Chijner, MPPA, Jim Dexter, NL resident, Bebe Casey, Selectman

Messer Pond Protective Association representative John Doyle spoke about the MP watershed project. (attached is the handout) they are applying for a grant in September and want the CC support.

Motion made by Michael Gelcius to approve letter written by MPPA (with some changes) **Second** by Rob Prohl. **Unanimously approved.**

Discussion on Clark Pond beavers, flow stoppage, weeds clogging the stream.

Motion made by Bob Brown to support the project pending more reports. **Second** by Mike Gelcius. **Unanimously approved.**

Permit applications updates – Mike Gelcius – none to report

Conservation Land Projects

- 088-006 – status quo

Philbrook/Cricenti Bog Walkway

- Previewed the first pass of the drone video – feedback was that it is great!
- Hazardous trees were removed by Fire Line Trees (\$1200)
- **BOG AWARENESS DAY IS SET FOR 10/14 – 10AM-2PM**
- Phase 3 has begun
- Chamber night went well – hope to do it again next year with some give aways.
- Suggestion made to ask town for more funds and to use the Mary Haddad account
- Mark Vernon will follow up with WNTK & Nick Baer.

Trails

- Ausborn Sargent is partnering with the CC and doing a hike on the Cook property on Friday, Oct. 13th, 2023
- Low Plains 200 – Bob Brown sprayed a home solution on some of the poison ivy.
- KCC trails has improved over the years.
- Plans to look at Phillips property with Leo Maslin.
- Sue Andrews to reach out to Liz Kellett to get permission to put 2 blue bird houses on her property to mark the boundary lines.
- Peg Birch and Mark Vernon are in the process of replacing ID tags on Clark Pond and Dancy Trail. Low Plains wildflower/pollinator site is coming along

Old/New Business

- Working on having the NL Recreation department and the CC do some projects together.
- A resident asked Bob Brown about trees being cut and left, Bob referred him to the Tree Warden.
- Sue Andrews mentioned the Colby Sanctuary property that the town owns and that the CC should think about getting an easement for that parcel.

Motion made by Mike Gelcius to accept the July 19, 2023, meeting minutes (with changes) **Second** by Mark Vernon. **Unanimously approved.**

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

Next meeting Wednesday, September 20th, 2023, at 8:30 AM at Sydney Crook Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Jackman
Town of New London