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NEW LONDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes - approved
Wednesday, September 20, 2023

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Brown (chair), Michael Kennedy, Mark Vernon, Michael Gelcius,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sue Andrews, Rob Prohl

OTHERS PRESENT: Cara Leone, Land Use & Assessing clerk, Don Bartlett, Peg Birch, NL resident, Jim Dexter, NL resident, Dave Hollinger, NL resident, Emily Sturtevant, CSC student

Cara Leone, Land Use & Assessing clerk spoke:

Cara working on assigning street numbers to select trailheads for E911 and location purposes.

- New London's Arbor Day Foundation, NL has been a Tree City for 37 (going on 38) years. Third longest in NH.
- Tree Warden is David Carey, he basically works with Public Works on pruning trees.
- The BOS proclaimed an official Arbor Day, (the date changes every year.)

Chair Brown discussed Tree Farms, very old program based in Washington DC. Leo Maslin recommended NL become a certified tree town, we have 5 certified tree farms in NL.

Permit applications updates – Mike Gelcius – none to report

Conservation Land Projects

- 088-006 – been over 2 years, deed issue on-going.

Philbrook/Cricenti Bog Walkway

- Previewed the second pass of the drone video.
- **BOG AWARENESS DAY IS SET FOR 10/14 – 10AM-2PM**
 - Sue & Linda met and discussed the plans for the awareness day, Sue working on creating a flyer and will be posted at many places, also put in Shopper, Intertown Record and Messenger. Have a checklist of to do items. Started a list of volunteers for parking, tour guides and other duties for that day.
- Mike G. update on kiosk: moving signs, adding a bulletin board, donation box and mail box.
- Some discussion on adding signs about no skateboards or bicycling.

- Chair Brown stated that we need to decide about ordering more aluminum walkways before the end of the year.
- Chair Brown met with people at LaValley Building supply.
- There is \$13K in the fundraising account to date.
- Mark Vernon spoke at the Citizens Committee and some feedback was:
 - Need a QR code for donations
 - Have preprinted envelopes for donations
 - Create a 501C3 “Friends of the Bog”

Trails

- Phillips Memorial Preserve – Leo Maslin and Mark to take a walk to look at the growth, etc. the goal is to keep the view open. There was logging done in mid-90’s. There is no hunting and the land needs to be posted with no hunting signs. Mike G. to check on the rules for posting.
- Mark & NL Recreation committee are working on coordinating activities. On the Kidder-Cleveland Clough trail there are two scheduled events:
 - Haunted walk
 - NL Barn – Where the Wild Things Are (10/6/23)
- Peg Birch stated that there are still a few signs needed at the Clark Trail and that all the plants are in at Low Plains.
- Mark is in the process of redoing all the signs for the Webb Forest.

Old/New Business

- Chair Brown attended the CIP meeting on Sept. 8th – the CIP wants a forecast of what the CC would like for upcoming years.

Motion made by Mike Gelcius to accept the August 16, 2023, meeting minutes (with changes) Second by Mike Kennedy. **Unanimously approved.**

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

Next meeting Wednesday, October 18th, 2023, at 8:30 AM – location TBD

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Jackman
Town of New London

