



# TOWN OF NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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## NEW LONDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, September 18, 2024 APPROVED

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bob Brown (Chair) Michael Gelcius (Vice Chair) Jim Dexter, Mark Vernon, Sue Andrews, Michael Kennedy, Dave Hollinger (alt. asked to vote in Rob Prohl's place)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Rob Prohl

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Don Ostler

### **Permits** – Mike Gelcius

- 157 Pilot House Rd. After the Fact dredge and fill permit, updated dock

### **Trails, projects etc.**

- Trailhead numbering is ongoing, GPS coordinates are on the CC website. The next property to be numbered is Shaker St.
- Town owned land and CE's – Mark and Sue met with Ausbon Sargent. They would like to have a central place (on town server?) to keep scans of deeds and easements, this would need an administrator.
  - The properties owned by the town, the CC monitors.
  - Ausbon Sargent has others that they monitor.
- Jr. Trail program – Mike G. stated that the logo is a work in progress, he is working with NL Recreation. It was suggested that the logo be made into stickers.
- Invasive Low Plain/Overlook knot weed project, the tarps etc. are holding up well, the plan is to get rid of the removed pile of plants after they dry out.
- TACF/VT-NH joint work day went very well, 18 volunteers. 20 new seedlings were planted at the Shaker Street site. Clark Lookout chestnut tree seedlings had all their cages updated. Thank you to all the volunteers and the VT/NH ACF people.
- Arbor Day Celebration – hosted by NLCC, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 10:00 AM, meet at Clark Lookout, tour the American Chestnut restoration site, followed by a short walk up to the lookout.
- Bog road wetlands & Clark Pond/creek area – Jim Dexter will be going in via canoe and will continue to monitor the pond. Chair Brown stated that there is 6" of water in the culvert.
- A landscaping company has been seen taking water out of the pond, MPPA contacted DES and was told it was OK to do that, however, if the companies pumping go over town property they need to contact the Town.

**088-006-** Bob Brown

- Making progress, a survey has been reissued and is now recorded with the registry of deeds. It is now in the property owner's attorney's hands. Then a new deed will need to be issued by the owner.

**Philbrick/Cricenti Bog**

- 9/13/24 was a workday and the entire wooded section was covered in wood chips.
- Lumber has been delivered for the railing posts.
- A bench was relocated and plans are in the works for more benches.
- The Piggy Bank donations for August and September have been deposited.
- Donations are still coming in for the bog.

**Old/New Business**

- Adam Ricker is working on the CIP
- The BOS/Kim Hallquist would like the budget numbers by mid-October, the numbers need to be reviewed.
- Mark Vernon stated that the glossy buck thorn plant is taking over the Kidder-Clark swamp area. Mark will contact Tim Fleury.

**Motion** made by Michael Gelcius to accept the August 21st, 2024, meeting minutes as amended.  
**Second** by Michael Kennedy, unanimously **approved**.

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

- Next meeting, October 16th, 2024 at 8:30 AM at Whipple Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Jackman  
Town of New London