

**TOWN OF NEW LONDON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
November 15, 2006
Meeting Minutes (final - approved)**

Present: Laura Alexander, Dan Allen, Dale Conly, Bob Crane, Emma Crane, Terry Dancy, Les Norman, Peter Stanley, Ruth White.

Guest(s): John Clough, Chad Denning, Kevin Pelleteri

Meeting was called to order by Les Norman at 1:00 p.m.

1. Minutes of August October 19th meeting were approved unanimously.
2. Town Center Trails: John Clough wanted to update the NLCC on the town trail system discussed at the March 15, 2006 CC meeting and thought there should be a pooling of information to move the project forward. He did not have a specific proposal at this time but wanted input from the NLCC as to the design and location of the trail system. Chad Denning provided more specific information regarding discussions with Richard Lee and total cost estimates. As currently envisioned, this will be a town project to be completed by the Public Works Department. Chad has also asked the NL Hospital for funds toward the project. It would appear that wetlands will be involved so the appropriate applications will need to be filed. After discussion, the following next steps will be taken: 1. Peter and Chad will walk the proposed trail to evaluate wetlands issues; 2. Chad will talk to R. Lee for a specific timeline for completion; 3. a specific, detailed trail plan will be submitted to the NLCC for review. The NLCC reiterated their approval of the town center trail concept.
3. High Water Levels and Boardwalk Technology: Dan Allen asked for clarification on a previous NLCC decision regarding extremely wet trails and whether or not they should be kept open or closed, particularly the Cricenti Bog. It is not clear if the Cricenti Bog has an outflow problem. If so, then the outflow needs to be improved. In addition, boards need to be added to the boardwalk to raise the walkway. Other proposals included re-routing sections of the trail and widening the walkway to distribute the load better.
4. John Paul Property: Tax map 91, lots 7, 8, and 14. Kevin Pelleteri, on behalf of John Paul, presented a plan to re-locate the existing road. The Planning Board had two concerns: 1. impact on wetlands; and 2. ownership of the road. The ownership of the road is being looked into now and should be resolved soon. The position of the NLCC regarding wetlands impact is to design the road so that it does not go near the wetlands in the area. Kevin will come back to the NLCC with final plans when completed.
5. Other Trail Matters: Dale Conly and Terry Dancy walked the Middle School Trail and felt it was in good shape. Some boards need to be replaced and new signage needs to be created. The spur from the Middle School out to Pleasant Street needs a lot of work, including replacing the bridge and installing approximately 310' of boardwalk over areas that are wet. After discussion, it was decided that while the CC felt this extension out to Pleasant Street would be worthwhile, it would not be a high priority at this time because of limited resources to fix and maintain this component of the trail.

Additional signs have been made for the Kidder trail at Morgan and the High Trail at Cook. Additional 2 X 4 posts are needed on the Kidder Trail. Dan and Terry will take care of.

6. SAWC Workshop: The Sunapee Area Watershed Coalition is hosting a workshop on December 13 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Sunapee Middle School. Terry suggested that NLCC and PB members attend if they could. The workshop is relevant not only to immediate concerns on erosion control and storm water handling but also will aim to provide information to be included in the Master Plan. Terry also reviewed the Upper Valley Protective Association's watershed town comparative regulations project, which will provide feedback to each town, with encouragement to include best practices in their revised Master Plans.
7. ASLPT Outreach Committee: The ASLPT is planning a Land Summit for their 20th anniversary next year. Each committee member was asked to survey their respective constituencies regarding the planning of this Summit. Laura Alexander completed the survey with input from the NLCC members during the meeting.
8. Other Business:
 - a. Peter Stanley indicated that Shaun Lagueux wanted to attend the December 2006 NLCC meeting to present other options for a land swap and/or modified access to the right of way over the trail that crosses the Lynch property. (see NLCC minutes of 11-16-05 for previous discussion)
 - b. Peter met with the Wetlands Bureau and others to discuss filling of the lagoons. It was suggested that core samples from the three lagoons be taken to determine what's in them, since the contents will determine how they should be filled. The cost would be \$1500 per lagoon. A motion was made and seconded to use NLCC funds of up to \$4500 to do the core samples necessary. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50

Submitted by Linda Hanlon
Recording Secretary