

**TOWN OF NEW LONDON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MARCH 8, 2006
MEETING MINUTES (Final)**

PRESENT: Ruth White, Laura Alexander, Emma Crane, Peter Stanley, Bob Crane, Dale Conly, Les Norman

GUEST: Don Bent

Les Norman, Chair, opened the meeting at 1:00

1. Mosquito Control

At the Selectmen's meeting of February 27, it was suggested that the Conservation Commission should research environmental issues relevant to mosquito control and advise the Selectmen of its findings and recommendations.

Laura cited a study of the effects of repeated annual control of mosquitoes by insecticide and larvicide. This study found that over the course of 2-3 years of treatment, the populations of insects other than the ones targeted had been significantly affected. This is only one study. However, it suggests that pro-active control may not be totally harmless. It was proposed and voted that our advice is that the town should not engage in active control measures until further research has been done on other studies in this area. Commission members will undertake this research.

Commission members were agreed that the plain reading of the State recommendations describes New London as a town at "Remote Risk" [This differs from Dr. Bent's reading of the document, which would place the town in the "Low Risk" category.] It was therefore voted to recommend that the town proceed with all measures in the State recommendations in the Remote Risk category. These are: Routine Surveillance; Assessment of ecology for mosquito abundance; Routine collection and testing of mosquitoes; Passive human and horse surveillance; and emphasis on reduced mosquito breeding. In addition, the Commission recommended an active program of education of citizens in mosquito protection, with special emphasis on education of children.

2. Town Trail Maps.

We discussed pricing of the new town trail maps. After some discussion, it was agreed and voted that maps should be sold at the Town Offices, Tracy Library, and the Information Booth at \$4. These outlets return money to the town after sales are made. Morgan Hill Book Store will be sold maps at \$3, which will permit them to re-sell at \$4. Other commercial outlets which wish to resell the maps will be treated similarly. Commercial outlets will be billed for the maps as they receive them.

3. Stonehouse Road Development.

This proposed development lies entirely within Sutton. However, it will have an impact on the New London portion of Stonehouse Road. It will also have an effect on drainage into New London and Lake Sunapee.

Les was instructed to write a letter to the Sutton Conservation Commission, with copies to the Planning Boards of both towns, stating the effect of increased drainage of storm water, and pointing out that, within New London, this drainage area has been subjected to strict controls, and asking that Sutton apply equally stringent controls, so that there is no impact on wetlands or on Lake Sunapee.

4. Bunker Road (Map 63, Lot 9)

Application will be made to the ZBA by the owners of this property to relax restrictions of stream and wetland buffers on this lot. Peter described the approach he would recommend. The Commission agreed.

5. Clark Lookout.

Peter said that there has been at least one incident of someone opening the gate on Davis Hill Road and driving up to the lookout. The Commission voted to have Peter buy a padlock and keys to keep the gate secure against unauthorized vehicular access.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Submitted by
Les Norman
Scribe pro tem