

**TOWN OF NEW LONDON  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
April 19, 2006  
MEETING MINUTES (Final)**

PRESENT: Laura Alexander, Dan Allen, Dale Conly, Bob Crane, Emma Crane, Terry Dancy, Vicki Koron, Les Norman.

GUESTS: Ann and Pierre Bedard, Bob Stewart (RCS Designs)

Les Norman, Chair, opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

1. Minutes of March 15th were approved unanimously with minor corrections.
2. Trails Update (D. Allen)
  - Dan met with the transportation department regarding the knotweed problem.
  - Dan walked the Spring Ledge property trail with the owners (see minutes of 3/15 for previous discussion) and determined that in fact much work is needed to complete the trail. The next steps will be to flag the trail, get some people together to cut and clear, then bring in a backhoe. This will require a wetlands permit. The owner of Spring Ledge is aware of this.
  - Richard Lee will remove the automobile from the Messer Pond Trail.
  - Les Norman will consult with town counsel on issues related to liability insurance availability from the state or the town for property owners that have given permission for foot traffic on NLCC trails that cross over property lines. Recent court rulings on ATV use on public access lands may have altered insurance qualifications.
3. Bedard Dock: Ann and Pierre Bedard have applied for an expedited permit for replacement of an existing dock that is in disrepair and DES has notified them that the application is complete but they have not ruled on the application. The NLCC approved in a previous meeting (August 17, 2005). The dock will be located in the same location it has been and the Bedards do have an easement to do so. Abutters have contested the application. There seemed to be some confusion as to ownership. The Bedards were looking for reassurance that the position of the NLCC had not changed.
4. Mosquito Control: Don Bent thought the NLCC was misinformed regarding the proposed mosquito control program. The research report addressing safety issues of the pesticide used will be distributed by Laura Alexander. The problem is there is not enough long term research to make a well informed decision on either side. More research is needed. The CC will await Mike Morrison's surveillance report from this year and try to collect more evidence to support its position.
5. Voellmann Property: Bob Stewart from RCS Designs and a certified wetlands scientist presented options for location of a dock on the Voellmann property that immediately abuts NLCC property. He was uncomfortable with where the proposed dock was to be sited and would like to move closer to the CC property to make it more secure. Several options were discussed, one of which was adjusting the property line and doing a land swap. The CC voted in favor in principle of a land swap. Les Norman will check with Jessie Levine for the appropriate approval process.

6. Spring Walks Re-Visited: Note change in time on May 17<sup>th</sup> walk.

Day/Date	Time	Walk	Leader
Wed, 5/3	7:30-9:00 pm.	Woodcock	Peter Stanley
Wed, 5/10	7:00-9:00 a.m.	Birding	Ruth White
Wed, 5/17	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Trees	Laura Alexander
Wed, 5/24	9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon	Webb Forest Interpretive Trail	Dan Allen

7. Other Business:

- Institute for Community & Environment at Colby-Sawyer will present their third year project "Our Water, Our Lake: A Glimpse into the Current Health and Future of the Pleasant Lake Watershed" on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Clements Auditorium, CSC.
- Beavers are back on Kidder-Cleveland-Clough trail. Also, there seems to be evidence of beaver lodges at low plain.
- Vicki Koron discussed the signage, bench and dedication for Clark Lookout with Janet Haines. Vickie will check with ASPLT for clarification on who is responsible for signage and bench. It was suggested that costs be shared between NLCC and ASPLT. Invitations for the dedication will be sent to family, friends, selectman, the various town boards and officers, administrators. There will be an announcement placed in the Kearsage Shopper. The date of the dedication is June 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20.

Submitted by:

Linda Hanlon  
Recording Secretary