

New London Conservation Commission  
Minutes of Meeting, April 16, 2008

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

Minutes of the March 19 meeting were approved.

The latest plans for expansion of the DOT "Park and Ride" were examined. It was agreed that the expansion should not infringe on wetlands, and Dale Conly will convey this feeling to the Planning Board.

Laura spoke of her conversations with Mr. Garre initiated by his asking whether the Conservation Commission would be interested in obtaining the land he owns at the end of Farwell Lane by purchase or easement. It was agreed that such an acquisition is not feasible at this time, but that the land and its adjacent lots should be placed on the list of desirable acquisitions on the new Town Master Plan. Existing easements on adjacent properties add to the attractiveness of the land for conservation.

A bid for surveying the Schultz property and the adjoining town property was received from Pennyroyal Hill (Clayton Platt.) It was proposed by Laura, seconded by Terry, that the bid of an estimated \$8150 should be accepted, conditional on the completion of the purchase and sale agreement for the Schultz property. Approved unanimously.

We were disappointed to see from the latest plans submitted by Jessamen that there has been no attempt to do more than the minimum required to mitigate the run-off of ground water from the proposed Colby-Sawyer parking lot expansion. We feel this is a missed opportunity on the part of a major educational institution to act as a role model and teacher in demonstrating the best of current practice in this regard.

Ruth submitted a revised schedule for our Spring Nature Walks. After discussion, the schedule was agreed.

Ruth presented the brochure on Erosion and Sedimentation Control Practices. We agreed to go to press. Since there is nothing that is likely to become outdated any time soon, Ruth will seek the best unit price for printing, and get agreement from other CC members by email.

Peter spoke of the possibility of obtaining a grant from the state for preparing a natural resource inventory. Les had signed a letter in support of the grant application on behalf of the Commission. It was agreed that, should the grant not be forthcoming, we needed to get to work to do the job ourselves.

Bob asked about the procedure for submitting applications for milfoil grants from the town. He pointed out that hiring of summer students as lake monitors needs to take place before the grant process is complete if the past schedule is adhered to. The commission agreed that it is desirable that letters from the town office to the various lake protective associations should take place early each year so that applications can be returned to the Commission in a timely fashion.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Submitted by Les Norman,  
Scribe pro-tem.