

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
April 21, 2010**

Town of New London
Conservation Commission
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Present:

Bob Brown, Laura Alexander, Sue Cough, Terry Dancy, Ruth White, Vicki Koron
Also, Peter Stanley

Bob Brown opened the meeting at 9:00am.

The minutes from the March meeting were accepted and unanimously approved.

Trails Update:

Bob Brown talked about the Peril Loop in the Bog. 800 feet need to be replaced. May 8th and May 29th a diversion group from Merrimack County will be there to help.

Bob read a note from Dan Allen concerning other work areas that need to be addressed. These are Low Plain blind roofs, Clark Lookout, Bog drainage and board walks, Clark Pond the Norman Trail, Messer Pond Trail cleanup and boardwalk, Great Brook Trail and knotweed control at Low Plain.

There is need for additional lumber to be purchased. A motion was made and seconded to spend \$1500. on lumber for trails.

There will be a discussion about trail adopters at our next meeting.

New London Forestry

Bob Brown picked up a nursery mix of white oak, silver maple, red maple, conifers and a song bird mix from the state nursery. They will be grown in 5 gallon pails. The suggested location for these is the open field behind the Dept. of Public Works. A motion was made and seconded to pay the bill for the planting supplies for the new town nursery, \$365.00.

Milfoil Grant Applications

We did not have the applications consequently we will review them at 10:00am on May 4th. We will circulate the information from last year with this years applications.

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Peter Stanley led a discussion on the status of the easement on Low Plain. It is in the state pipeline and we will be making monitoring contributions but they are not ready for us to do so at this time.

Also, discussed was Philips Preserve and a piece of land directly on Otter Pond. The trustees will be approached about an acquisition. If this were available it would be a joint effort with other conservation groups.

The Planning Board will have on its agenda property to be divided belonging to Peter Messer. There are no wet lands associated with this property.

There was a discussion lead by Peter Stanley regarding the possibility of raising money through a town forest management plan on town owed properties.

Laura Alexander brought to our attention that there are posters up in the Science Building at Colby-Sawyer. These posters were completed by the students to coincide with their presentations on May 4th. The presentations in May will be in room #101.

Ruth White brought up the Town Nature Walks. It was decided to schedule a woodcock walk on Wednesday May 5th at 7:30pm. We will meet in the town parking lot across from the library.

At 10:35am there was a motion and second for adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Koron (New London Conservation Commission)