

**TOWN OF NEW LONDON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 15, 2006
MEETING MINUTES**

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

GUESTS: James Moore, RC&D; Janet Haines and Debbie Stanley, ASLPT; Peter Blakeman,

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

1. Minutes of the 1/18/06 regular NLCC meeting were approved unanimously.

James Moore, Director-at-Large for the Southern New Hampshire Resource Conservation and Development Area Council (RC&D) visited the NLCC to briefly discuss the work of the RC&D and to ask if we knew of the whereabouts of a RC&D report and video that was loaned to the NLCC many years ago. None of the current members were on the commission at the time of the loan and the suggestion was made to contact Sue Andrews.

2. Janet Haines and Debbie Stanley, Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ALSPT) announced the completion of the acquisition of the Clark Lookout by the town and the conservation easement by ASLPT on February 2, 2006.
 - a. Signage for the Clark Lookout Trail was discussed. A sign stating that the Clark Lookout was a gift of Sydney L. Crook should be placed at the lookout. This sign should also include a profile naming the hills, mountain and lake features observable from the lookout. Signs are also needed at the entrance gate for the Clark Lookout Trail and at the four corners road intersection on the trail. Terry Dancy will provide draft trail signs with the sign at the entrance having a trail map.
 - b. The dedication of the lookout is tentatively scheduled for June 17th at 10 a.m. Janet Haines of ASLPT and Vicki Koron of NLCC will coordinate the plans for the ceremony.
3. Deb Stanley described the status of the ASLPT Evergreen Point Project. The buildings have been removed and the property bounds have been surveyed and marked. ASLPT will own the property and NLCC will hold the conservation easement on the property.
4. Dan Allen updated the CC on the status of how to best eradicate the Japanese Knotweed – ph adjustment, use of plastic covering, or bending the stalks. Dan will ask the State Highway Department for permission to do eradication experiments.

5. Bob Crane updated the NLCC on the town map. The new map has been printed and is now available for sale. Maps can be purchased for \$4 each at the Tracy Memorial Library, the Town Offices, Morgan Hill Bookstore, or the Town Information Booth when it opens. Vicki Koron will handle the distribution of the maps to the sellers.
6. Any NLCC recommendation for or against mosquito control by the town was considered and rejected because of the potential of damage to the ecosystem and a need for further study.
7. Peter Blakeman presented a revised site plan for the driveway on the Thomas property that must traverse a wetland. Peter Stanley moved and Dale Conley seconded accepting the proposed driveway placement with the exception that the driveway be moved a small distance away from the stone wall bounding the property to allow better drainage between the wall and the raised bed of the driveway.
8. Stonehouse Road. The road through New London to a new development to be built in Sutton must be improved by the developer to allow adequate access by fire and emergency vehicles.
9. NLCC notes that the 15% to 25% segment of the originally proposed zoning bylaw changes that affected density calculations should be studied further for possible revision and inclusion next year.
10. The NH Natural Heritage Bureau, NH Division of Forest & lands - DRED has prepared a new brochure advertising the Philbrick-Cricenti Bog. It provides a trail guide and a description of a kettle hole bog.
11. Elaine Anderson has prepared a detailed map of New London as a part of her duties at CRREL and will present the town a copy of the map to be displayed in the town offices.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Submitted by

Bob Crane
Acting Secretary