

**TOWN OF NEW LONDON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
July 19, 2006
Meeting Minutes (final approved)**

Present: Dale Conly, Bob Crane, Emma Crane, Terry Dancy, Vicki Koron, Les Norman, Peter Stanley.

Guest(s): Dave Cook

Meeting was called to order by Les Norman at 1:00 p.m.

1. Minutes of June 21st meeting were approved unanimously.
2. Knotweed Project: Les and Dan worked on Crockett's Corner in June. Dan was not present so further discussion of the knotweed problem was postponed until the next meeting.
3. Trails: Dave Cook was present to report on the Pleasant Lake High Trail blazing project. About three quarters of a mile has been completed with several miles remaining. The question raised was one of signage at intersections of the various trails so that people would know what trail they are on. It was decided that there should be signs. Dave will give sign verbiage to Terry Dancy. Terry will make the signs for posting. There was some discussion of paint colors to use for trail blazing. Dave has a surplus of orange and green paint. Further discussion was postponed until the next meeting when Dan Allen is present.
4. Messer Pond Trail: Voellman land swap proposal (see 4-19-06 NLCC minutes) turned out not to be as beneficial to the town as originally thought. It was decided it would be better to move the trail rather than do a land swap.

There was discussion of the necessity for the NLCC to have either an easement or written permission of a property owner should a trail or part of a trail cross over private property. Some easements are in perpetuity, while others need to be renewed on a periodic basis.

5. Potential Conservation Land: There was a general discussion about potential land acquisitions within the town for protection of the watershed. In addition, Laura Alexander will be chairing a newly formed Outreach Committee for the ASLPT. The purpose of the committee is to assist the ASLPT in its land protection efforts by spreading the word about what the ASLPT does. Each town in the ASLPT service area has an appointed representative to assist in this information sharing.
6. CIP Proposal: The capital improvements program meeting is scheduled for 8-8-06 at 7:00 p.m. Les will be attending.
7. Other Business:
 - a. The website is up and running. Initial set up cost was waived. Most of the hits are for the trail maps (50 in the first 10 days).
 - b. Webb birthday will be July 30 from 10 a.m. – 12 noon at the Dane lot.

- c. There was some discussion about monitoring of easements. Bob and Emma Crane will be looking into.
- d. Reminder: vehicular access to the Clark Lookout is for handicapped or for maintenance only.
- e. It was suggested that there be a budget allocation for clearing trees below the Clark Lookout to maintain the view.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20.

Submitted by Linda Hanlon
Recording Secretary