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**MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN OF NEW LONDON  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
July 15, 2009**

**Present:** Andy Deegan, Sue Clough, Emma Crane, Terry Dancy, Vicki Koron, Ruth White

**Other:** Peter Stanley- Zoning Administrator, Bob Crane, guest

Chair Deegan opened the meeting at 1:05P.M.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the June 17, 2009 meeting were amended as follows: page 1, line 10, Davis was added to the blank space, line 14, the word boardwalk was changed to bridge, and line 18, the name Dancy was changed to Norman. There being no other corrections, the minutes were accepted.

**Proposal for Requesting \$50,000:**

Chair Deegan reported that the Conservation Commission is scheduled to meet with the CIP Committee in August 10th and at that time the Commission should attempt to try and get back the \$50,000 that was removed from the budget in 2009. He suggested that the Commission present some specific suggestions as to how this money would be used. Mr. Stanley suggested that a good possibility would be the purchase of the Phillips parcel. The trust on this property runs out next year and this land will then become the property of the remaining children. He thought it might be unlikely that they would want to retain ownership. This parcel consists of about 20 acres. Another possibility is the Pratt property, adjacent to the Low Plain, which consists of about 23 acres. Ms. Clough asked if it might be possible to get some help from the Town of Sunapee with regard to the purchase of the Phillips property since some of the property is in that town. Both of these projects would have watershed protection and wildlife protection advantages which would support the reason for their purchase. These were thought to be good suggestion, as well as contacting the LSPA for their support and will be pursued by Chair Deegan. Another suggestion by Mr. Stanley was the Darrah property which is adjacent to Low Plain. This property is listed in the upcoming Master Plan of other desirable properties.

**Sunapee Perambulation:**

Ms. White reported that this has still not occurred. There appeared to be some confusion with regard to who would have responsibility for doing this, either the Conservation Commission or the Selectmen. Ms. White is not sure who will be doing this but it sounds like the Selectmen will not be doing this and that Van Webb will be the person doing it for Sunapee. Chair Deegan thought he might be seeing Mr. Webb tomorrow and said if he did he would speak with him

about this. It was thought that this might occur in the fall when many of the leaves are down. It was reviewed that the perambulation needs to be done every 7 years.

**Clark Pond:**

Chair Deegan reported that the final copy of the easement deed was forwarded to the Commission members. He said there were some changes made in the final copy at the request of the ASPLT attorney but thought they were minimal. The attorney wanted more acknowledgements of the Schultz agreement and the quick claim deed which was added. Section 7 was deleted. The earlier version had been written that a parking area could be created, but since there was already a parking area, that was changed to expand the existing parking area. The other thing that was added regarded who the notice should go to. Chair Deegan spoke to Jessie Levine and she said it should go to the Board of Selectmen. The other changes only included wording to achieve greater clarity. Chair Deegan said if there were no objections to these changes, he would recommend that the Commission sign this. Mr. Dancy moved to accept the document; this was seconded by Ms. White. There being no discussion, the vote was unanimous. Chair Deegan said there also needed to be authorization to accept stewardship by the Town. He said that ASPLT will send the Town an invoice for about \$2500, the price being determined by acreage and reserved rights. Mr. Stanley thought this expense would come out of the regular budget.

Regarding next year's budget Mr. Stanley suggested that the list in the master plan of potential easement properties be reviewed and a few properties be targeted. He thought that money for these targeted properties should be put in the budget to cover the cost of surveying, possible deed work and potential stewardship expenses. He also thought that a time frame for the acquisition of the properties on this list be developed and that the Commission begins to aggressively work through this list. In addition to the properties mentioned earlier he suggested also including the balance of the Low Plain and the Mengalis property on Messer Pond. Chair Deegan said he would compile this list, with help from Mr. Stanley, and get it out to the members. Mr. Dancy suggested that the Commission prepare a multi-year list of properties and associated costs for these properties for the Selectmen and this should be prepared in the next month. Chair Deegan said he would do this and have it ready for the next meeting.

The 2010 budget is due September 8<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested that the Commission begin working on a draft of this budget by the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Any Other Business:**

Chair Deegan shared the following-

- Chip Ordman called to say he had a great stick for the peephole at Cresenti Bog. Chair Deegan will call him back and say that the Commission was interested.
- The Department of Environmental Services permit- submitted by Audrey Perry for building a home on property on Fairway Lane. This permit will have to come back for special exception. According to Mr. Stanley, the permit request regards building a house on a small building space which will affect the adjacent wetlands.
- Trails- Ms. White reported that Nat Davis agreed to help the monitors at the Bog and Low Plains every month. She said that the blinds still needed roof repair, that is was not possible to get into the second blind, and that the metal roofing still needs to be removed

from the site. Ms. Davis agreed to monitor the Bog on the first Wednesday of the month and the Low Plain on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Ms. White said she asked Sally Wilkins, the overseer of Low Plain, and she has agreed.

- Mr. Stanley reported that the beaver pipe will be put in place on Friday morning.
- Ms. White suggested that pictures be taken of this event and sent to the Intertown Record in keeping with the discussion from the last Commission meeting to increase publicity and public awareness of Conservation Commission efforts. Mr. and Ms. Crane will take some pictures to be submitted to the paper.
- Mr. Stanley mentioned that he has seen the relatively rare rattlesnake plant at Clark Pond.
- Ms. White mentioned that she had recently been to Goshen Ocean and the Gunnison Trail and it was lovely.
- Chair Deegan said he has received another set of plans for the Windy Hill School and there is still concern regarding the water run-off. A letter to the Planning Board will be written voicing this concern.
- Chair Deegan said he had received an invoice from Mr. Dancy for \$14.15 for the purchase of wood to replace Mr. Dancy's own wood that he had used for trail signs. It was moved by Ms. Clough that this be paid. This was seconded by Ms. Crane. There being no discussion, this was passed unanimously.
- Mr. Stanley mentioned that he had seen an aerial photograph of the bog which showed lots of open water. He will e-mail this to Mr. Crane who offered to put this on the web site.
- Mr. Dancy reported that the final review of the Master Plan was reviewed by the Planning Board last evening.
- Ms. White mentioned that the new trail signs done by Bob Brown looked really good.

There being no other business, Ms. Clough moved that the meeting be adjourned. This was seconded by Ms. Crane. There being no discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:08P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Colby  
Recording Secretary