

**TOWN OF NEW LONDON  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
June 20, 2007  
Meeting Minutes - Accepted**

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

Guests: Beth McGuinn (ASLPT), Peter Blakeman (Blakeman Engineering), Dan Wolf (Hodan Properties) Virginia Johnson (LSPA), Rosemary Fulton (interested observer)

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

1. Minutes of May 16th meeting were approved unanimously.
2. Cordingly Preserve Easement: Beth McGuinn distributed and reviewed a summary of the conservation easement the NLCC will hold on this property. The full description is 15 pages long and Beth will send to anyone who would like to have the full document. The easement still requires language for signage and zoning ordinances. Beth will arrange a time with Jessie Levine to sign the documents. A motion was made for the NLCC to accept the responsibility of the Cordingly Preserve Easement. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Other suggestions made as a result of the Cordingly Preserve easement discussion included: 1.) a requirement for boundary surveys on all properties upon which NLCC holds easements to ensure correct boundary lines; and 2.) the NLCC should develop a reserve/stewardship fund for all easements held. Peter and Les will discuss these suggestions with Jessie and with legal counsel.

3. HB 383: Peter Stanley discussed this bill, now passed, that will provide for sweeping changes to the shoreline protection act. It modifies the language that closes many of the loopholes in the shoreline act. The town will need to revise zoning regulations to be in line with the new state law. The DES will work through regional planning commissions to educate the public about the changes. The law will go into effect on April 1, 2008. Peter will do a thorough analysis of the new law, comparing it to the existing town regulations and make recommendations for changes to the town and the NLCC.
4. Milfoil Grant Applications: The NLCC received three applications from Little Sunapee Protective Association, Lake Sunapee Protective Association and the Pleasant Lake Protective Association. Virginia Johnson was present on behalf the Little Sunapee Protective Association. The Messer Pond PA is not asking for funds for this year. Otter Pond has never asked for funds. It was decided that the NLCC would take a pro-active approach with the Otter Pond PA and ask what they are doing about milfoil monitoring and let them know there are funds available to help them with monitoring. Les will write a letter. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved for the three applications received.
5. Peter Blakeman Application: Peter Blakeman and Dan Wolf were present to discuss a wetlands application for a culvert extension on the Hayward Building property on Newport Road. It was also suggested by the CC to review the impact of the addition of impervious surfaces on the area prior to beginning work. The concerns of the CC will be passed along

to the Planning Board. There was no objection to signing the wetlands application for the culvert extension.

6. Map Availability: It was pointed out that the trail maps, particularly at the Bog and Low Plains, were running out. It was suggested that maps be re-stocked every Friday.
7. Trails: Dan had 15 people from surrounding communities helping with the Bog boardwalk project. There is now 450 feet of new boardwalk at the Bog. It was suggested that Dan get some help in his responsibilities to the trails. He will ask Bob Brown if he is interested in sharing the responsibility.

A question was raised about whether or not a decision had been made previously about the riding of horses at Low Plains. It was determined that horses were not allowed because the bridge was not able to handle horse traffic.

8. Spring Walks: Ruth had 9 people on the bird walk, Laura had 4 people and Dan had 2. There was some discussion of whether or not these NLCC sponsored events should continue since there didn't seem to be as many participants as in years past. There are currently 8 walks, 4 in the spring and 4 in the winter. It was generally agreed that they should continue because of positive public relations.
9. Other Business:
  - a. Ruth reported on the creation of a Natural resource Inventory for New London. It was suggested that it be divided into two components: 1.) scenic, historical and cultural, and 2.) agricultural. It was felt that the CC members could do themselves given the resources and expertise of the group. It was suggested that project based subgroups be formed to complete the project within one year. It was also suggested that money be budgeted in the next budget year to handle necessary project costs and printing. Since the Master Plan Development process is to begin this fall, it was felt this project was very timely. The first subgroup meeting was set for July 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in Peter's office.
  - b. Clark Pond – Peter met with Eric Schultz about a possible land acquisition. Appraisers will be discussing the property. Cost for appraisal will be about \$1200. The CC has this available in their existing budget. The CC should get information back in August.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15

Submitted by Linda Hanlon  
Recording Secretary