

New London Conservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting, March 19, 2008

Present: Bob Brown, Dan Allen, Dale Conly, Vicki Koron, Terry Dancy, Les Norman
Staff: Peter Stanley
In Attendance: Larry Ballin, Jessie Levine

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

Minutes of the February 20 and March 10 meetings were approved, with the addition of Dan Allen to those attending the March 10 meeting.

It was noted that the latest proposal for the Colby Sawyer parking lot expansion did not make use of pervious surface. It was agreed that, since a letter from the CC had already been written, follow-up on this matter could be left to the Planning Board.

Discussion followed on the Schultz property after the Town Meeting vote approving the warrant article. A reply will be sent to Noel Weinstein's email. Since this did not come from the Budget Committee there is no need to take this further. Discussion concluded with a decision to proceed in accordance with the Town Meeting vote. Peter will meet with Eric Schultz to keep him in the picture.

In an email, Frank Hammond had suggested that a Selectman be assigned to attend CC meetings in order to avoid future conflict. It was agreed that this was unnecessary, provided that regular communication takes place on issues which are of general concern to the Town. Similar close communication should take place with other affected town boards.

On the specific matter of appraisals of land under consideration for purchase, it was suggested that in future it might be good practice for both the seller and the town to select an appraiser, and to negotiate on the basis of the average of the two appraisals.

The Payne's application for a pair of 50ft docks was discussed. It was noted that 40ft is the maximum permitted by the State.

Dave Cook presented a list of proposed trail markings for the property donated to the Town. He will return with a suggested signage listing. He stated that Bob and Emma Crane will conduct the GPS work on the trails.

Dan Allen reviewed trail priorities. The list was accepted, with one change. It was agreed that developing a trail to access Clark Pond should be high on the list.

Terry presented the latest draft of the brochure on Erosion and Sedimentation Control Practices. Ruth will present the final draft at our April meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:23 pm.

Submitted by Les Norman, Scribe pro-tem.