

**TOWN OF NEW LONDON  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
NOVEMBER 16, 2005  
MEETING MINUTES (FINAL APPROVED)**

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

GUESTS (at various times of the meeting): Leo Maslan, Shaun Lagueux, Paul Lazdowski with his contractor.

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

1. Approval of minutes of previous meeting.  
Les Norman moved to approve meeting minutes of October 19<sup>th</sup>. Dale Conly seconded. There was no further discussion and motion was unanimously approved.
2. Mr. Leo Maslan presented a proposal for forest management activity on behalf of the Elizabeth Graham Trust property. Proposal on file. The main objective of the proposal is to execute a selective thinning throughout approximately 28 acres of land located on Burpee Hill Road and Columbus Ave. The application was unanimously approved.
3. Trail Map Update (Bob Crane): The trail map is all set to print. The NLCC needs to decide what type of paper to use. The following prices per 2000 copies were given to review: plain paper -\$1075; 80 lb. coated paper \$1727; and water proof/tear proof paper - \$5347. There was \$2500 budgeted for printing of the trail maps in this fiscal year. The preference by all NLCC members was to print on water proof stock and Les Norman was asked if he could pursue additional funding to do this. There was also discussion of increasing the price of the maps to at least \$5 from the current \$3 to help offset the additional cost of the more expensive paper. If this could not be done then a majority of the NLCC members preferred printing on plain paper.
4. Trail Work (Dan Allen): The agreement with the New England Forestry Foundation has been reviewed with minor changes being made. Les Norman signed the agreement. The following NLCC work days have been set:
  - Saturday, November 19 for work on the Morgan Hill Trail. Meet at 8:30 at Morgan Hill.
  - Tuesday, November 22 for Lyon Brook bridge relocation. Meet at 8:30 at Brookside Road.
  - Thursday, December 1 for Crockett Bridge relocation. Meet at 8:30 at Pingree Road.

5. Proposal by Shaun Lagueux on behalf of client Chris Lynch: Prior to Mr. Lagueux's presentation, Peter Stanley brought NLCC members up to date on the Davis Path town trail, which crosses over the Lynch property in the northwest corner. Mr. Lagueux presented a proposal for a timber sale tentatively scheduled to begin in mid-December. Temporary crossings for forestry purposes would be put in place. Concerns were raised regarding safety to skiers that use the Davis Path during the timber harvest. It was agreed that signs would be posted to warn skiers of the forestry activity taking place. Information will be posted to the website as well. Bob Andrews will be notified. (Property identified as Map 100, lot 2)

There was also a discussion about that portion of the trail that is on the Lynch property. The owner has no interest in selling, donating or earning any income from trail fees. Two options were discussed: 1.) re-route the trail off the Lynch property; 2.) allow the town to continue to use the property with a multi-year use agreement outlining town and owner rights and responsibilities. It was suggested that the NLCC members put their thoughts in writing to the owner. It was also recommended that the town complete and pay for any survey work that is needed with the thought that a short term use agreement be drawn up with the goal of doing a land swap in the future. Les Norman will draft a letter to Mr. Lynch.

6. Planning Board Zoning Changes (Peter Stanley): Recent Zoning Board minutes reflect sweeping changes in zoning regulations. These are a planning Board issue but the NLCC should attend hearings that will be held. Proposed rules will be posted to the town website in December and will become law unless voted down at town meeting. It was suggested that the NLCC have a position on the new rules.
7. Lazdowski Boat House Repair Proposal: This was a carry over from the last NLCC meeting. Mr. Lazdowski and his contractor presented plans for the repair of his boat house. In all probability, the Zoning Board will approve the proposal if done in an environmentally sensitive way. The NLCC is in favor of the proposal and approach outlined provided the following steps are followed: 1.) satisfactory erosion control measures are put in place; 2.) a silt fence be used; 3.) all excavation be done from the back of the existing structure with as little excavation as possible and the least threatening to tree roots in the area; 4.) that the stream adjacent to the boat house be piped during construction; and 5.) the final 50-60' of stream will have storm stone put in place.
8. Other Items:
  - Emma and Bob Crane and Dan Allen attended a seminar for new members of Conservation Commissions. There was a book

recommended for new members. Les Norman will talk to Carolyn Fraley about ordering a copy for the NLCC.

- Monitoring on town easements has been finished.
- The Planning Board is interested in a review of streams and if more need to be added, e.g., buffering of intermittent streams. It was decided that this was a discussion that needed to occur and will be a future agenda item.
- Information from Jessie Levine regarding the Messer Pond Protective Association Milfoil Funds was distributed and will be discussed at the 12/21/05 NLCC meeting.

9. Meeting was adjourned at 3:00.

Submitted by

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Recording Secretary