

**TOWN OF NEW LONDON  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
October 15, 2008**

Meeting was called to order at 1:03 P.M. BY Chairman Les Norman; present were: Les Norman, Terry Dancy, Bob Brown, Vicki Koron, Dan Allen, Ruth White. Laura Alexander, Peter Stanley and Dale Conly.

Ruth White brought up her concern over the Web site, noting it was badly out of date and needed attention. It was agreed that this needed to be corrected and should be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Peter Stanley responded to a concern about culverts in the Herrick Cove area that are constantly stopped up by the extremely active beaver causing water to overflow onto route 103A.

It is neither prudent or practical to eliminate the culprits so Peter suggested that a grate be constructed on the upper culvert to keep the beaver from constructing a dam in the middle of the culvert. This would have to be cleaned on a regular basis to keep flow constant and should be supplemented with a beaver pipe in the lower culvert. Ruth White suggested we write a letter to the town administrator noting our concern with our suggested solution.

Trails: Dan Allen has been working hard on the wooden planks in Cricenti Bog and has a concern about money needed for lumber. It was noted that there are places that planks are not useful because roots make them uneven and difficult to transverse. Also these areas are not usually wet, so some of these planks could be better used in other areas. We also need to replace the beaver pipe in their dam on low plain so the trail is passable. This should be done next Spring. Peter and Terry have cleared a parking area in the newly acquired Schultz property and started a trail to Clark Pond. The trail will have to pass over at least one brook and could be made wide enough for wheel-chair accessibility but will take a lot of work. This seems like a great project for 2009.

Master Plan: Peter Stanley has been working on the Conservation Commission's chapter. He suggested we go over the recommendations section of the chapter to get responses and input from the members present. As a result of this discussion Peter will rework the recommendations so the members can see a hard copy to respond to. He also noted that the section on wetlands with appropriate buffers is in limbo because the Planning Board currently has a subcommittee working on these regulations.

Natural Resource Inventory: Laura Alexander commented that the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension has been working with towns on how to best use and implement a wild life protection plan to conserve resources. The Cooperative Extension is now looking to get some contiguous towns to work with them to implement a plan to best protect wildlife. It is possible for New London to benefit from this program which would be a great help in our proposed effort to use Colby Sawyer students to assist the commission in an accurate natural resource inventory.

Colby Sawyer proposed parking lot: The college submitted a plan for an additional parking lot on the campus. The commission would encourage the use of pervious pavement and insist on the use of Low Impact Development practices to insure that there is an effective method to control run off to prevent any erosion. The commission strongly urges the College to carefully review Appendix A (Stormwater Low Impact Development Practice) of the New London Land Subdivision Regulations.

New Business: Les Norman brought up for discussion New Hampshire Bill SB 381 which authorizes towns to contribute conservation funds to private conservation groups. Members present were not sure this would be good practice for New London but deserved further discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 2:53 P.M.; very temporary secretary, Dale Conly