

**Minutes of the New London Conservation Commission meeting of October 5,
a continuation of the September 21 meeting.**

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

We discussed the latest version of the letter from the Conservation Commission to the citizens of New London. We agreed that it was now ready for publication. Les will pass it by Jessie for comment, and to ask if she will email it to her list. We agreed that it should go to the Argus Champion and the Intertown Record.

The main topic of the meeting was to decide on the areas that need to be addressed by the CC in further protecting our environment, with particular reference to our input to the Town Master Plan.

We agreed that, as we continue this work, we should be acting in conjunction with the similar work of the Planning Board. Les will keep Karen Ebel informed and ask for her feedback, and will seek guidance and data from Ken McWilliams.

Our list of areas meriting attention is:

Buffering of intermittent streams

Building restrictions on impervious surfaces and soils

Restriction on building (including paving, etc) that would give rise to impervious surfaces

Tree cutting restrictions on steep slopes

Building restrictions on ridge lines

Restrictions on cell towers and similar

Increasing the town shoreline restrictions from 50 feet to 100 feet. (This would then be consonant with the existing 100 foot restrictions on streams)

Progressive slopes zoning. (Presently there is a 25 degree slope restriction, but this does not help with erosion on or from steep slopes of less than 25 degrees.)

We agreed that the first step is to get data from other towns and agencies to see how others are tackling these areas of concern. Then we will engage the issues one by one at our regular meetings.

No decisions have been made on any of the above issues. At this time they are areas that we have agreed to look at.

Submitted by
Les Norman