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NEW LONDON PLANNING BOARD DRAFT SITE WALK MEETING NOTES Wednesday, May 4, 2016

Property owned by Elise Rockart and Joan & Donald Lamson
Property located at 736 Pleasant and 51 Lamson Lane
Tax Map 049-010-000 and 049-012-000

PRESENT: Paul Gorman, Michele Holton, Elizabeth Meller and Tim Paradis (Conservation Commission representative).

ABSENT: Bill Dietrich, Janet Kidder (Selectmen's Representative), Jeremy Bonin and Marianne McEnroe (Alt).

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Pierre Bedard, surveyor for the applicants; Mike Gelcius for the New London Conservation Commission; Bruce Avery (abutter) and Lucy St. John, Planning and Zoning Administrator.

Upper 40s, damp, cloudy and light drizzle. Trees to be cut were flagged with tape. Various trees identified by Pierre Bedard- pine, sugar maple, basswood, aspen, hemlock, cherry, gray birch and white birch. Noted some invasive barberry plants.

Several trees overhanging into the water channel. The natural channel was narrower in the past, prior to when the pond was dug. Trees impede access to kayakers, and there is concern about the safety of children playing in the pond area.

Bruce Avery noted there used to be Brook Trout in the stream years ago, now Sunfish. He noted the field adjacent to the lake, used to be an Indian site, an old corn field. The pond area was dredged out in the 1960's by Frank Jewell and others. In past discussions with NHDES they wanted the site (grass area near the beach) to be reestablished with a 75 foot vegetative buffer. Site used to include a dock. Dogs have gotten sick drinking the water in the ponded area, due to the decaying leaves.

Discussed the view easement and why they want to remove the trees. Pierre noted that the once the trees are removed (stumps to be left), that other plant species will revegetate the landscape, natural succession. Discussed maybe the pond water could be oxygenated. Question about viewing the lake and if lights from the houses impede the view.

Note that the pine tree appears healthy. Pierre Bedard noted that it is tall and impeding the view, and new plants will fill in the undergrowth. Some concerned that this site will need to be revisited in the future as the new growth gets taller.

Paul Gorman and Tim Paradis arrived late as they were unable to identify the exact location of the review.

Site Walk adjourned about 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy St. John