

Londonderry Conservation Commission  
Thursday July 16, 2018 6pm  
968 Haven Hill, South Londonderry, VT

**Draft Minutes**

**Members Present:** Kathie Stone, Irwin Kuperburg, Stephen Swinburne, Helen Hamman, Sunny Wright, Mark Wright.

The meeting was called to order at 6:15.

**Approval of June minutes:** Sunny approved, Helen seconded.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- General fund balance is \$21,121.08.
- New budget year just started due to the Town's revised fiscal

**Old Business:**

**New educational programs**

Sunny has been in touch with Mark Breen. Committee agreed the best dates would be Friday October 5, 2018 or Sept 28, 2018. Event cannot start too early for best viewing. Ideally Mark would do a presentation indoors then attendees would go outside to view.

Suggested to do something about the caterpillars on Oct 19 at the Mountain Campus.

**Trails/Rotary**

Blazes have been marked however the introductory signs are delayed. Nothing at Pingree trails because the Parks Board is installing them themselves. LCC could invest in flora identification signs and has the funds for it, would like to collaborate with the Biology program at Flood Brook on this project. Helen would like to reach out to Principal at Flood Brook. With possible follow up from Sunny who can then contact the Mountain Campus to see if they would like to be involved as well.

**Lowell Lake Paddle**

Laurie Callahan has agreed to lead a guided paddle on Tuesday, July 31. Meeting at 9am and everybody should have their own watercraft and PFD.

**New Business:**

**West River Water Testing**

Debbie O'Leary has taken over. High levels at a time of low water. We get the results tomorrow

from last week's test immediately following the rain. The next select board meeting they should be addressing drainage and septic systems.

### **Weston LCC**

Irwin hasn't heard a response from them.

### **Derby Land Purchase**

The Rowland foundation is purchasing the property and Sharon Crossman would like to meet with LCC to discuss the acquisition.

### **Monarch Waystation Program.**

Steve is building one on the back of his house. Sunny thinks it would be a great program for schools. Right now monarchs are on the cusp of being endangered species because of loss of habitat. LCC could write a proposal to set one up on a town property. More information at <https://www.monarchwatch.org/waystations/certify.html>

### **VT Association of Conservancy**

Steve will get info and LCC will submit membership payment.

**Additional Info** Next meeting is on August 9<sup>th</sup> instead of August 16.

### **Wildlife sightings**

Red Fox, King Fischer, Luna moth, Robin, Song sparrow, Wood Thrush, Yellow Warbler, Vireo, Turkey, Moose (Carley lane w/ video. Young & healthy in velvet. Multiple sightings over 2 days.) Eastern Dobson fly, Monarchs, Deer, Loons, Bald Eagle (over West River & Lowell Lake), Red Tail Hawks, Cooper Hawk, Eastern Fly Catchers