

Londonderry Conservation Commission
Thursday August 9, 2018 6pm
Town Office
Draft of Minutes

Call to order Members Present:

Helen Hamman, Mark Wright, Irwin Kuperberg.
The meeting was called to order at 6:05.

Approval of July minutes:

Helen motion that it be approved with revisions, Mike seconded. All approve.

Treasurer's report:

From now on we will have them in January, April, July, and October.

Old Business:

Lowell Lake

Mark thinks we should do it once a year, maybe two sessions to keep the group size manageable. Irwin is writing a thank you letter to Laurie Callahan.

New Educational Programs

Mark Breen talk update; Sunny has reached out multiple times.
Helen suggested Ken Wagner from Western Mass, as another guest speaker. She is reaching out to him.

Trails/Rotary

Library trails marked. Suggested 30 minutes prior to meeting next month doing a tour of the Town Hall Library Loop guided by the Rotary.

West River Water Quality

There is an annual report published by SEVWA with all the testing details, protocols, data and summaries.

New Business:

Weston Conservation Commission

Irwin attended their meeting last Thursday. They are looking forward to collaborating with us, possibly on emerald ash borer preparation. Jim Linville of Weston Select Board did a count of roadside ash trees and came up with similar numbers as LCC (approximately 80 per mile).

Irwin is going to contact the Windham County Forester to make recommendations on an EAB presentation that we can present jointly with the Weston CC.

Derby land purchase

Sharon Crossman of the Friends of the West River Trail came to discuss Derby land purchase. The Friends feel the purchase of this 13 acre parcel of open land along the river will advance the trail. The goal of owning it was to gain better access point, to “develop” it in the sense of creating a distinct parking area, with information and education at trail head. A partnership with state parks Army Corps of Engineers and Friends to jointly maintain the trail as it runs through other land parcels, (4500 acres linked) because of trail. What the Friends are asking from us is cooperation and promotion of the trail. Irwin suggested collaboration on historical signs that display the farms that were previously located along the trail. Possibly involve Bob Wells & Annie Campbell. Irwin will reach out to Bob.

Neighborhood Connections

Has invited us to use their meeting space for meetings.

VT Fish & Wildlife Wild Turkey Survey

Turkey survey with citizen involvement. Go to:

<https://vtfishandwildlife.hosted.civiclive.com/cms/One.aspx?portalId=73163&pageId=114667>

We could mention it in our LCC Newsletter, and Facebook.

Next Meeting

September, 20 at 6:00. We will meet 30 minutes prior to meeting next month

Admin will ask Tina to write check for VNRC and look into Windham Regional Woodlands Association.

Wildlife sightings

Hawk Sightings, Bear, Deer, Woodchucks, Fox, Bats, Porcupine, Loons of Lowell Lake, Robins, House Wrens, Bluebirds, Raven,