

Londonderry Conservation Commission  
Thursday December 6, 2018  
Town Office

Draft Minutes

**Call to order**

6:15 Helen Hamman, Irwin Kuperberg, Kathie Stone, Sunny Wright

**October minutes**

The October minutes were approved after a motion by Helen and second by Sunny.

**Old Business:**

**Review of Mark Breen Event** – Overall opinion, it was successful. Approximately 70 people attended. Sunny sent Thank You card. Andie will mail check.

**Regional CC Meeting** – Irwin, Helen and Sunny attended the Fall meeting of the Windham regional conservation commissions where they learned about the variety of projects being carried out in other towns, some of which mirror our own interests. These included mapping/conserving wildlife pathways and developing/maintaining trails. We are in the process of developing joining activities with the Conservation Commissions of Weston and Windham.

**UVM Landowner Resources** – We will acquire a list of owner of 35 or more acres and send them copies of UVM Extensions' booklet entitled It's Your Legacy: A Vermont landowner's guide to conservation based estate planning. We may also do an event to on this subject.

**West River Trail Historical Signage** – We are still looking for someone to do the research on this project. Helen will ask Peter Isakson, who is digitizing the historical photograph collection at the library.

**Nature Conservancy Acquisition** – They would like the LCC to be involved in gaining grassroots support within the community. (See Events for more information.) We plan to have an informational event for the community (proposed location Magic) and invite residents of Londonderry, Windham and Weston. Proposed date Tuesday January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **New Business:**

**EAB** – Kevin Beattie as Tree Warden wanted to attend tonight’s meeting because he did a roadside survey of 1 mile sections of 5 roads in Londonderry. Kevin’s data is much like ours and Weston’s. Irwin proposes we get a speaker to help with implications and planning. LCC can inform the decision makers. Irwin will contact Nick Parisi to speak at a proposed event in either the first or second week in February. The public will be invited and it will be held at the Londonderry Town Office.

**Trail use at Shamburg Forest** – Willie Reed and John Ogden asked to consider allowing mountain biking on town forest lands. They proposed a loop of trail where they would pay and do all the trail work. There was discussion of the pros and cons including impact to the ecosystem and concerns of neighbors. We will follow up with specific questions.

### **Contribution to The Nature Conservancy-**

The LCC went into Executive Session at 7:03pm to discuss a contribution to The Nature Conservancy for the Glebe Mountain acquisition. At that time it was agreed that we would make a \$5,000 contribution from the Conservation Fund in support of the acquisition and ongoing maintenance.

### **2019 Events**

#### **Proposed Schedule**

January - Nature Conservancy Acquisition

February – EAB with Nick Parisi

March – Moose with Cedric Alexander of VT Fish & Wildlife

April – Rivers Talk with Shane Jaquith of The Nature Conservancy

May – Wildflowers speaker TBA

October – “Rocktober” with Geologist, Roger Haydock

December – Animal Tracks with author and educator, Lynne Levine

In the summer months the LCC could sponsor different walks on town property with an educator or specialist.

**Wildlife sightings** Yellow Grosbeak, Cardinals, Turkeys,

Next meeting will be Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 6pm.