

Town of Londonderry
Conservation Commission Draft of Minutes
Thursday April 25, 2019 – 6:00pm
100 Old School Street, Londonderry, VT

1) Call to Order

- a) Meeting was called to order at 6:09pm
- b) In Attendance: Sunny Wright, Mark Wright, Kathie Stone, Steve Swinburne
- c) Also in attendance: Shane O’Keefe (Londonderry Town Administrator/Zoning Administrator/Flood Plain Administrator)

2) Approval of the Thursday, March 21, 2019 Draft of Minutes

- a) Steve approves, Sunny seconds

3) Shane O’Keefe explained the town's shift to new appointment terms for town officials.

- a) Current System in place for LCC: Vote in June, term expirations are in past May or June minutes. Select board reapproves.
- b) Shane/ Select Board proposes 3 year terms for board members, however each board makes their own decision. Transitional terms to stagger memberships.
- c) LCC Current Cycle
 - i) Sunny - June 2021
 - ii) Kathy – June 2020
 - iii) Mark – in past minutes
 - iv) Steve – in past minute June 2017
 - v) Irwin – in past minutes
- d) Meeting Protocol
 - i) Templates for agenda & minutes will be issued by town.
 - ii) Meeting must be posted 48 hours in advance online, at town office and both post offices.

4) Old Business

- a) Mountain Bike Trail use at Shamburg Forest
 - i) Quorum agrees all LCC Board members should be present for this decision.
- b) Glebe Mountain Acquisition
 - i) \$5k has been paid to Nature Conservancy via Tina (Londonderry Town Treasurer).
 - ii) \$5k has not yet been deducted from LCC account.
 - iii) LCC has met their commitment!

5) New Business

- a) Mark told the group that there was the request from the Lowell Lake Working Group's to host a Meeting for the public to learn more about the Proposed Lowell Lake Project. Then a discussion followed about the Drafting of Lowell Lake Position.
- b) Drafting of Lowell Lake Position

- (1) Review compilation of emails to establish LCC members' opinions.
 - (2) Quorum agrees all LCC Board members should be present for this decision.
 - (3) Our current draft lacked direct biological facts.
 - (4) Andie will research Act 250 permits for RDK lot adjacent to Lowell Lake.
 - (5) The Working Group has already had found conflicts with Biofinder
 - (a) All lakes in VT with overnight cabins have invasive Eurasian milfoil weed.
 - (b) Greywater questions need to be addressed and cannot all be solved with composting toilets. What about cleaning and cooking? Phosphate run off can lead to algae blooms.
 - (c) Concern about EAB on imported firewood.
 - (d) Ethan Phelps told Shane to expect a revised Plan or Proposal in June.
 - (e) Sunny Proposes: LCC writes an email to Ethan Phelps, VT Parks Regional Manager of the Southeast Region, concerning aquatics and concerns about Eurasian Milfoil. Would also like details on supervision and maintenance of overnight cabins. Steve seconds, all agree.
- c) Discussion returned to the Working Group request, Mark made the motion to agree to this concept pending more specific information about what the Working Group was planning to share at that meeting and Steve Swinburne seconded it. LCC voted and passed this motion.
- d) Monarch Talk
- i) Peggy Farabaugh of Vermont Woods Studios
 - ii) Possible dates May 15/17/24 – we prefer the 17th
 - iii) 20 min. introductory slideshow about milkweed and migration.
 - iv) Peggy offered to bring milkweed seedlings.
 - v) Peggy requested no payment and would prefer a donation to Forests for Monarchs.
 - vi) Steve will contact Flood Brook with hopes of arranging an assembly for students open to the public. School could possibly plant milkweed seedlings from Peggy.
- e) River Walk
- i) Shayne Jaquith, Watershed Restoration Manager for The Nature Conservancy
 - ii) River Talk & Walk event open to the public (family friendly) on June 15 or 22.
 - iii) 8:00am start
 - iv) Would be a two-part program:
 - (1) Indoor portion dams, flooding, Japanese knotweed, river importance
 - (2) Outdoor portion in the field, location TBD.
 - v) Possible Locations
 - (1) Prouty Land – good flood plain, bad river access
 - (2) Depot
 - (3) West River Farm
- f) Other Local Events of Interest
- i) May 14th from 6-8pm at the Londonderry Town Hall, The Nature Conservancy will hold an informational meeting about the future of Glebe Mountain Land. Lasagna dinner.
 - ii) May 15th from 6-8pm at the Windham Town Hall, The Nature Conservancy will hold an informational meeting about the future of Glebe Mountain Land. Lasagna dinner.

iii) May 15th early morning bird walk at the Windham Community Hall at 8am.

6) Wildlife Sightings

- a) Woodchuck, tree swallows, bluebirds, turkey vultures, fox, racoon, deer, chipmunks, Dekay's brown snake, garter snake, yellow spotted salamander, peepers, Morningcloak moth, Moose tracks (not a sighting), winter wrens, hawks, cooper hawks,
 - i) Idea for LCC to publicize the first bear sighting in Londonderry, by the community.

7) Adjourn Meeting at 7:36pm