

Town of Londonderry
Conservation Commission
Thursday, August 19, 2021, 5 pm
968 Haven Hill Road, S. Londonderry

Draft of Minutes

Present: Irwin Kuperberg, Helen Hamman, Jane MacKugler, Stephen Swinburne, Mark Wright, Sunny Wright, Gary Hedman (non member), Andie Fusco (administrative assistant)

- 1) New Administrative Assistant was added as an agenda item under New Business.
- 2) The July 2021 minutes were approved following a motion to approve made by Mark and seconded by Helen.
- 3) Old Business
 - A) EAB Monitoring Program – The LCC is participating in the statewide EAB monitoring program with 2 traps, one on Under the Mountain Road and the other on Beattie Road. (A third trap is located at Lowell Lake is managed by state employees.) On July 22, Steve and Irwin performed the first inspection and collection. Suspicious specimens were sent for review and we are awaiting the results. The second and final collection will take place at the end of the summer.
 - B) Truax Solar Project – Irwin reported that our vote to approve the project as written was sent to the Selectboard.
 - C) West River Trail historical signage – Jim Fleming is working on the sign, weather permitting. We need to find a contractor to dig and pour footings.
 - D) Upcoming Events – Sunny and Steve worked with Lauren at the library to partner with the Vermont Institute for Natural Science (VINS) to present a program on Raptors. It is scheduled for Saturday, September 4 at 12:00pm at the Town Office. Lauren is doing her own press release; we will share her announcement on the LCC Facebook Page. Jane emailed Ruth Stewart concerning the Bird Count presentation. No date currently scheduled but we would like early December. Ruth would prefer to do the presentation live.

Irwin is in contact with Rebecca Chalmers from DEC about a Wetlands talk. Our goal is to discuss wetlands in general then focusing on Londonderry's wetlands. Some possible sites are Cobbs/Mud Pond, Shamburg, above the Mill Pond, north and south of Lowell Lake, south of rt 11 heading into Landgrove. Irwin is also speaking with Green Mountain District Ranger for the Natural Forest Service to see if they have any talks they have prepared. Steve is checking in with the Vermont Mammal Project photographer.
 - E) Forest Management Plans for Town properties – Waiting on Kevin Beattie.
- 4) New Business
 - A) New member – The LCC approved the recommendation of Gary Hedman as a new member, following a motion by Helen and seconded by Sunny. Irwin will arrange for submission of the recommendation to the Select Board. Helen would like to make a motion to recommend Gary Hedman to the selectboard as a new member of the LCC
 - B) New Admin – Andie formally resigned and has offered to remain on until a replacement can be found. We will begin the process of recruiting a new administrative assistant.
 - C) VNRC has asked for a donation. Helen will ask Tina to provide an accounting of our annual expenditures so we can keep track of our response to support requests.
 - D) Bob Trask a former member has sent a generous donation towards the Conservation Fund. Mark & Sunny will write a "Thank You" note.
- 5) Wildlife Sightings
 - A) Blue Heron, Black Bear, Woodchuck, Loons, Fischer Cat, Deer, Porcupines, Cedar Waxwing nest with chicks, King Fishers, Mergansers, Dragonflies, Monarch Butterflies.