

Town of Londonderry
Conservation Commission
Town Office
100 Old School Street
South Londonderry, VT

DRAFT MINUTES

Thursday, November 18, 2021, 5 pm

Present: Irwin Kuperberg, Helen Hamman, Gary Hedman, Jane MacKugler, Stephen Swinburne, Sunny Wright

- 1) The August 2021 meeting minutes were approved following a motion by Helen and seconded by Sunny.
- 2) Old Business
 - A) EAB Monitoring Program – Irwin and Steve pulled down the traps on September 25th. A number of bug specimens were sent to the lab but none appeared to be EAB. All positive findings are added to the Agency of Natural Resources’ map of EAB infestations. This concludes EAB monitoring for this year.
 - B) West River Trail signage – Jim Fleming completed the sign and it is in storage at the town garage for the winter. Sunny had a discussion with Sharon Crossman from Friends of the West River Trail to plan on the placement of the sign as well as possible collaboration between the LCC and FWRT on sign content. We will also speak to Valerie Franklin, Army Corps of Engineers Natural Resources Specialist, about any content they may want to share. Irwin communicated with Valerie Franklin about the bird viewing stations, which were discussed at the last meeting. She said they were installed 3 years ago by the Corps at the north and south ends of Winhall Campgrounds.
 - C) Events –
 - i. The Raptors presentation at the library on September 4 was a very well received program, with 60 in attendance including many children.
 - ii. Ruth Stewart has agreed to present her Bird Count talk. We will tentatively plan to offer it in December at the Town Office.
 - iii. Irwin is in contact with Rebecca Chalmers from DEC about a Wetlands talk who advised him she will be able to look at dates starting in December. We will plan this program for the early spring.
 - iv. Steve is speaking with Peter Kirby Miller about the Vermont Mammal Project. Peter said he wasn’t able to capture every single species as planned but we will invite him to speak about his methods and the about ones he captured.
 - v. Suggested talks: Owls in winter; Sugaring; Jumping Worms; Wood.
 - D) Forest Management Plans for Town properties. We will initiate the process of recruiting a forestry consultant.
- 3) New Business
 - A) New member – The Selectboard approved Gary’s membership with term ending May 31, 2024
 - B) New Admin – The Selectboard approved the Job Description and it has been officially posted. We are still recruiting for this position.
 - C) Annual Budget- Our annual budget for F2023 was submitted.
 - D) Custer Sharp – The Planning Commission contacted us for any information on the soils or groundwater, or any encumbrances, as they investigate a wastewater treatment facility there. Irwin sent them the groundwater study performed by the State in 2009. We will do a walk on the property to do our own evaluation.
 - E) One Londonderry Trail Project-We have been asked by the One Londonderry Recreation Committee’s to explore the possible development of multiuse trails on the Shamberg property. The main concerns there are wetlands and the proximity to heron nesting.
 - F) Williams Dam project-DuBois & King was awarded the contract by the town to conduct the evaluation of the Williams Dam. They will do some initial assessment of the dam on November 30.
- 4) Wildlife Sightings – Bald eagle, owl, robin, deer, red squirrel, chipmunk, fox,voles, jumping squirrel

Next meeting, January 6, 2022