

Town of Londonderry
Conservation Commission
February 18, 2021 5:00pm
VIA ZOOM MEETING

Draft of Minutes

- 1) Call Meeting to Order
 - A) At 5:05pm
 - B) Irwin Kuperberg, Helen Hamman, Jane MacKugler, Sunny Wright, Stephen Swinburne

- 3) Approval of the January 2021 Draft of Minutes
 - A) Sunny Approves
 - B) Helen Seconds
 - C) All in favor

- 4) Old Business
 - A) Subnivean presentation recap
 - i. We had over 80 in attendance
 - B) West River Trail historical signage update
 - i. Project on hold until Spring
 - C) Future programs- webcasts
 - i. Coyote Presentation
 - a. New title: What's Up with those Wily Coyotes?
 - b. March 18th.
 - ii. Mill Pond
 - a. Irwin organizing the program with Marie Caduto from DEC
 - b. Will include the ecosystem of the pond and the river
 - c. Perhaps input from the historical society on the historical aspect of the pond.
 - d. Presentation to happen in April.
 - iii. Other Programs
 - a. Steve S. organizing 4 potential new programs
 - b. VCE Conservation Biologist Steve Faccio to present on vernal pools in April.
 - c. Pete Kerby-Miller on photographing vt Mammals summer
 - d. Kent McFarland on Lady Bugs in May.
 - e. Ruth Stewart on Bird Count in the late Fall

- 5) New Business
 - A) Conservation Camp
 - i. Helen proposed our sponsoring a Londonderry resident for the Green Mountain Conservation Camp

- ii. Sunny feels it is a unique opportunity for us to get a young member of our community to get involved in conservation.
 - iii. Irwin will investigate use of the Conservation Fund for this as well as accepting donations
- B) Resignation of Kathie Stone
 - i. We will send her a letter of appreciation for her many years of service to the LCC
- C) Light pollution
 - a. Irwin surveyed other members CCs from the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions as to what, if anything, they are doing about light pollution. He shared the results.
 - b. Of the towns that have regulations, including Londonderry, most regulations pertain to mitigating nuisance and/or hazards due to excessive lighting and specify a down angle of 60 degrees, but no more than 90 degrees.
 - c. Local concerns:
 - i. Our DRB has not had active enforcement of outdoor lighting regulations.
 - ii. Project Londonderry would like to add street lights “downtown”.
 - d. We will begin by exploring dark sky awareness program. BBA has a telescope and students could get involved.
- D) Winter Invasive Species detection
- E) Volunteers are needed for the annual hemlock wooly adelgid (HWA) survey. Must look for HWA infested twigs in the known infestation areas weekly and send observations to UVM.

6) Wildlife Sightings

- a. Chickadee, wild turkey

7. Meeting Adjourned at 6:15. Next meeting to be held Thursday March 18 at 5:00pm