

**Town of Londonderry**  
Conservation Commission  
April 8, 2021  
**Draft of Minutes**

- 1) Call Meeting to Order
  - A) 5:05
  - B) In attendance Irwin Kuperberg, Helen Hamman, Steve Swinburne, Sunny Wright, Jane MacKugler
- 2) Additions/Deletions to Agenda
  - A) No additions or deletions to the agenda.
- 3) Approval of the March 2021 Draft of Minutes
  - A) Helen makes a motion to approve the minutes
  - B) Steve seconds
  - C) All in favor
- 4) Old Business
  - A) West River Trail historical signage- No current update.
  - B) LCC social media
    - i. Irwin created an LCC Facebook Page. Members and the public are invited to post there.
    - ii. LCC now has a Facebook page and a Youtube channel.
  - C) Upcoming Webinars
    - i. Vernal Pools
      - a. Steve Faccio of VT Ecostudies, scheduled on April 29<sup>th</sup>
      - b. 40 minute Powerpoint presentation followed by a Q&A
    - ii. Lady Beetles
      - a. Julia Pupko of VT Ecostudies
      - b. May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm
      - c. 45-60 minutes
    - iii. VT Mammal
      - a. Peter Gerber Miller
      - b. October / December
      - c. He hopes to have photographed all VT mammals by then.
    - iv. Bird Count
      - a. Ruth Stewart of the Great Bird Count has a butterfly talk prepared but LCC had a Monarch presentation in the past few years.
      - b. Jane is going to be the contact person and ask for a bird presentation instead of butterflies.
      - c. Irwin will also check with the Windham Regional CC members for a speaker
    - v. Bald Eagles and other local raptors.
      - a. Nikki Stern of Wilmington, VT
      - b. Eagles are currently thriving in the lower 48 states. Jane will be the contact for this too.
- 5) New Business
  - A) Webinar report
    - i. Coyotes
      - a. LCC was only given permission to post for 2 weeks.
      - b. 45 attended, but 160 views in 2 weeks on Youtube.
  - B) Windham Regional Conservation Commission meeting
    - i. Meeting will take place on 4/14. Irwin has been asked participate on a panel about

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- C) West River Testing
    - i. State is cutting back on strategic test sites by limiting tests on Ecoli but continuing testing on non-organic dumping.
    - ii. LCC submitted 3 sites for review and all 3 sites have been approved for additional Ecoli testing.
  - D) Conservation Camp Scholarship Program
    - i. LCC going to contact Flood Brook about CC being promoted/ potential interest.
  - E) Resignation of Kathie Stone
    - i. We have sent a Thank You card and gift book to Kathie.
    - ii. Helen proposed a candidate, and we will invite him to our next meeting.
  - F) Light pollution
    - i. Our discussion was about how to address this, with the suggestion that education might be the best approach. Then, the impact on bird migration came up.
  - G) Prouty land bluebird nesting boxes
    - i. Steve volunteered to clean them out a few weeks ago.
    - ii. He did three and documented, before and after.
- 6) Wildlife Sightings
- A) Bald Eagle, Common Merganser, Fox Sparrow, Golden Crown Kinglet, Brown Creeper, Eastern Phoebe, Moose, Cardinal, Turkey Vultures, Pileated Woodpecker, Woodcock, Ring Necked Duck, Mallards, Geese, Deer,
- 7) Next Meeting
- A) Next month's meeting will be on Thursday, May 20th.
  - B) Meeting adjourned at 6:04pm.