

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

**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 18<sup>th</sup>.
    - 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