

Town of Londonderry
Conservation Commission
Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 5:00pm
Via Zoom
Minutes

- 1) Call Meeting to Order
 - A) At 5:13
 - B) Helen Hamman, Sunny Wright, Irwin Kuperberg, Steve Swinburne, Jane MacKugler, Mark Wright
- 2) Additions/Deletions to Agenda
- 3) Approval of the April 2021 Draft of Minutes
 - A) Helen makes a motion to approve minutes as amended
 - B) Jane seconds
 - C) All in favor
- 4) Old Business
 - A) Treasurer's report
 - i. LCC budgets were previously submitted to the town and published in the annual report.
 - B) West River Trail historical signage/Pingree Park and Memorial Park trails
 - i. The LCC is going to move forward with an informational sign at the beginning of the West River Trail.
 - a. Steve will contribute seasonal content.
 - b. Helen will post and update content.
 - c. Mark will source wood.
 - d. Steve will contact someone to build it.
 - e. Will have hashtag so people can share what they have seen on the Trail in one place.
 - ii. Irwin was approached by Marge Fish of the Parks Committee to install signs in the Pingree Park and Memorial Park Trails.
 - a. It was agreed that, with our focus on the West River Trail project, we will be unable to also work on Parks trails at this time.
 - C) LCC social media update
 - i. Irwin asked the group to share their sightings and photos to the LCC Facebook Page.
 - D) Report on Windham Regional Conservation Commission meeting
 - i. Dummerston- interpretive trail signs -Abenaki focus/conservation station; CC booth or display at public events
 - ii. 2. Rockingham- urine recycling program through Rich Earth Institute
 - iii. 3. Guilford- Natural resources inventory
 - iv. 4. Halifax, Guilford- Connectivity project
 - E) Truax Property Solar Project
 - i. The Londonderry Energy Committee is planning to install Solar Panels.
 - ii. PFAs have been detected there.
 - iii. They will keep LCC informed of their progress.
 - F) Discuss Upcoming Webinars
 - i. Lady Beetles
 - a. Jane will pick up the flyers at Express Copy tomorrow.
 - b. Irwin will post to social media
 - c. Press release has been done
 - ii. VT Mammals
 - a. Prospective date second week in November
 - iii. Bird Count / Bird Migration / Dark Sky
 - a. Bird Count with Ruth Stuart, no date currently scheduled. She would prefer

to do the presentation live but LCC will ask for permission to share via Zoom / Youtube.

b. Raptors Presentation with Nikki Steele, she prefers to do a presentation live.

iv. Wetlands

a. Irwin would like to do a presentation on Wetlands of Londonderry.

G) West River water testing schedule

i. Irwin shared this summer's testing schedule. There will be 9 testing days

ii. Of these, six days will include e-coli testing.

5) New Business

A) Mill Pond and Vernal Pool webinar report

i. Both presentations had about 20 attendees live on Zoom.

ii. Mill Pond presentation has 136 views on Youtube

iii. Vernal Pool presentation has 18 views on Youtube.

B) Forest Management Plans for Town properties

i. The last Forestry Plan of LCC managed town properties took place in 1999. Irwin will initiate a search for a consultant forester to create a new plan.

C) Illegal trail building

i. Irwin attended a meeting with Forest Service and Town officials to discuss illegal trail building and bridge construction at Sherwood Forest. Due to liability reasons the town will dismantle the bridge.

D) Conservation Camp Scholarship Program

i. Next year we need to select recipient earlier because the camp sessions for this summer have already been filled.

E) Membership update – Renewal Steve, replace Kathie

i. Steve submit an application for renewal to be reviewed by the Londonderry Select Board on Monday.

F) State of Vermont will be doing EAB Monitoring in 2021.

i. Irwin and Helen will again set EAB traps in Londonderry.

ii. The trap location will be on Under the Mtn Rd. and Beattie Rd.

6) Wildlife Sightings

A) Bald Eagle, pair of Mergansers, Sandhill Crane, Lunda Moth, Loons, Bonaparte Gull, Mallards, Great Blue Heron, Woody Ducks, Warblers, Wood Thrush, Fury, Cardinals, House Wrens, Bluebirds, Tree Swallows, Bobolink, Blue Jays, Deer, Fox, Moose, Porcupines, Piliated Woodpeckers, Snapping Turtles, Wood Turtles,

7) Next Meeting

A) 5:00pm on Thursday, June 17.