

Town of Londonderry
Conservation Commission

MINUTES

Thursday, October 20, 2022, 5PM
320 Beattie Road, South Londonderry

Present: Helen Hamman, Gary Hedman, Irwin Kuperberg, Jane MacKugler, Steve Swinburne

- 1) There were no additions or deletions to the agenda
- 2) The September minutes were approved by unanimous vote following a motion by Helen which was seconded by Steve
- 3) Old Business
 - a. Dam –No new developments to report.
 - b. Prouty Land
 - i. Signage -Bee the Change informed Irwin that their signage will only be small ones to identify plants so there will be no conflict with our proposed sign.
 - ii. Brush clearing-The town has established a contract with Rugg Valley Landscaping to perform the cut and Mark Wright has graciously agreed to do the job for free.
 - c. One Londonderry Trail Project- We walked the Shamberg Forest with representatives of One Londonderry, the Selectboard, Dana Hazen who will conduct a forestry plan on the property and one neighbor . We reviewed the various issues and in the absence of some LCC members at this meeting we decided to make a final determination at the next meeting.
 - d. Forest Management Plans for Town Properties- The town has completed the contract with Dana Hazen for the plan. He will start the timber assessment in the Winter, make a second trip sometime in the spring/early summer to assess the ground cover, and will hope to have this all wrapped up and finished by midsummer 2023
 - e. Wastewater project-The Village Wastewater Committee is now an official town committee subject to open meeting laws. A significant announcement about funding will be made in the coming weeks. Their next meeting is November 16 at 6pm.
 - f. Events
 - i. Wetlands-To be rescheduled in the Spring
 - ii. Owls- Steve will plan this with VINS for February 1 at 6pm . We will try to stage the meeting at FBS.
 - iii. Moonlight walks on the West River Trail- Friday,Jan 6 and Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023 at 6:30pm.
 - iv. Old Growth-TBD
 - v. Nature of Vermont- TBD
 - vi. A Tour of Vermont’s Natural Communities- Irwin will reach out to Bob Zaino of VT Fish & Wildlife about this program

vii. Where Have All the Birds Gone- Steve will develop this program with the Audubon Society

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4) New Business

- a. Call with The Nature Conservancy to discuss the future of Glebe Mountain- We held a zoom call with Jim Shallow and Jon Binhammer of The Nature Conservancy and Andrew French of the US Fish and Wildlife. Also on the call were James and Sandy Wilbur, neighbors of the Glebe property. We were informed that TNC is turning over the Glebe property to US Fish & Wildlife and that it will become part of the Silvio Dante Wildlife Refuge. US Fish & Wildlife will assume stewardship of the land and continue to provide access to the public. There will be ongoing communication with the public about this change.
- b. Library section- Gary and Sunny will discuss an LCC sponsored bookshelf for the library.

5) Wildlife Sightings – Raccoon, deer, turkeys, fox, bald eagle, juncos, bear