

Town of Londonderry
Conservation Commission

MINUTES

Wednesday May 24, 2023

- 1) Approval of April minutes – The April minutes were approved by unanimous vote following a motion by Mark which was seconded by Steve
- 2) Announcements- Helen and Jane have been reappointed by the Selectboard to another 4 year term. Mark's application is still pending.
- 3) Old Business
 - a. Planning Commission- At the Planning Commission's May 8 meeting on the bylaws they agreed to the latest revisions to the Conservation Commission's role in subdivision planning. There will be a public meeting for a response to the proposed bylaw revisions.
 - b. Dam -Helen attended the first meeting of the dam committee and it was primarily aimed at organizational matters. We will continue to attend the meetings and the next one is scheduled for June 5.
 - c. Pollinator Garden – We have been advised by Mike Kiernan that the plantings will take time to come in and mature.
 - d. Hunter Excavating Act 250 Permit – Helen and Jane attended the Act 250 hearing and are in the process of requesting party status for the LCC. The application process is being held up pending a series of requirements for Hunter and the outcome of LCCs request for party status.
 - e. Forest Management Plans for Town Properties -Dana says he has been busy with tree planting the last month, putting over 37K trees in the ground. That said, his colleague has inventoried most of the properties, and is drafting the management plan. He hopes to have a draft for us shortly.
 - f. Wastewater project - The Custer Sharp property is still in the running and a recent archeological survey found nothing to interfere with the project. Soil sampling will take place in the coming weeks. The Prouty Land and private properties on Edgehill Road and off Middletown roads are being considered for the North Village. Grandma Miller and the Prouty Land are being looked at for the South Village.
 - g. Events
 1. A Tour of Vermont's Natural Communities- Still waiting for a response from Bob Zaino
 2. Where Have All the Insects Gone? Steve will reach out to Kent McFarland from Vermont Ecostudies for this and any other topics of interest

4) New Business- no new business at this time

Wildlife sightings: Turkeys, deer, fox, bear, heron, bald eagle, cardinal, red bellied woodpecker, porcupines, loons, tree frogs, garter snakes

Next meeting- Thursday, June 22 at 5pm