

**Town of Londonderry
Conservation Commission**

MINUTES

Monday, October 30, 2023 – 5:00 PM

Present: Helen Hamman, Gary Hedman, Irwin Kuperberg, Jane MacKugler, Stephen Swinburne, Mark Wright, Sunny Wright

1. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda
2. The September minutes were approved following a motion by Steve that was seconded by Sunny
3. Old Business
 - a. Natural resources inventory- We will work on this next year after reviewing how other towns have done it. Irwin will research other town inventories.
 - b. Williams Dam- We reviewed minutes of the 10/16 meeting
 - c. Pollinator Garden- Irwin notified Frank Crane of Southern Vermont Signworks that the sign permit was approved and that, as it was already late in the year, we would go ahead with it in the spring
 - d. Forest Stewardship Plan for Town Properties- The October 2 site visit to the Truax property was canceled
 - e. Wastewater Project- Village Wastewater Committee held public mtg with approximately 50 people in attendance. Prouty Land- initial testing was positive and they now have to come up with a preliminary conceptual plan. Testing at Custer Sharp did not look positive preliminarily but a plan might be modified to make it viable. Custer Sharp is now the only viable option for the North Village.
 - f. Events
 - i. Irwin contacted Roger Allbee, former Vermont Secretary of Agriculture, who agreed to participate. He suggested he might be better for the 3rd session. Another speaker Irwin contacted declined due to busy schedule. We will work on inviting other speakers and finalizing the program over the next two months.
4. New Business
 - a. Prouty Land management-Mark suggested that the Prouty Land is an untapped and beautiful resource in Town that should be used more. He suggested that it be mowed more often, and that there should be more awareness of it as a resource. Gary suggested that we get a large scale site map and mark it up with a conceptual plan. He also suggested that we individually visit the property and identify potential resources and uses.
 - b. Zoning- We reviewed a statement sent to us by the Planning Commission in which Zoning Administrator Will Goodwin commented on the elevation restrictions for conservation resource districts in the zoning bylaw . We concluded that we would not alter our position.
5. Wildlife sightings
 - a. Deer,turkeys,fox,

Next meeting: Thursday, January 18, 2024