

**Town of Londonderry
Conservation Commission**

DRAFT MINUTES

Thursday, September 21, 2023

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

Absent: Sunny Wright

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:10pm
2. There were no additions/deletions to the agenda
3. Helen made a motion to approve the minutes of the August meeting which was seconded by Steve and passed by unanimous vote
4. Old Business
 - a. Natural resources inventory- Irwin suggested that the LCC work on creating an inventory of Londonderry's valuable natural resources. He has been in touch with the Guilford Conservation Commission where a similar project was just completed. Everyone agreed it was a good idea and asked Irwin to find out who was the consultant who did the job in Guilford.
 - b. Williams Dam- Helen reported on the latest minutes of the Dam Committee. It was noted that the committee had concerns about the ecosystem in the wetlands upstream from the mill pond and that measures could be taken to preserve it in the process of dam removal.
 - c. Pollinator Garden- The sign permit for the pollinator garden was approved by the Selectboard and Zoning Administrator. As it is now late in the season we will have it installed next year.
 - d. Forest Stewardship Plan for Town Properties-As part of our review of the plan we will hold our October meeting on October 5 to do a walk through of one or more of the properties, starting at Truax.
 - e. Wastewater Project-Gary reported that the Prouty Land was tested and looked favorable for a sizeable system. Custer Sharp has not yet been test pitted.
 - f. Events
 - i. Steve is working on a beaver talk with Tyler Brown from Fish & Wildlife and we will try to schedule it for late January or February.
 - ii. In the first half of 2024 we will conduct a 3-part series on The Everchanging Landscape of Vermont
 1. The Evolution of Vermont's Landscape
 2. Water (working title)- the Tyler Brown talk can be incorporated into this session
 3. Human Impact and the Future of Vermont's Landscape

5. New Business- there was no new business

Wildlife sightings- Deer, fox, cormorant, turkeys, bear, hummingbird, turkey vultures

Next meeting: Thursday, October 5 at 2pm, meet at the Truax Property