

**Town of Londonderry
Conservation Commission**

MINUTES

Thursday, September 19, 2024

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm
2. Natural Resources Inventory was added to the agenda
3. Helen moved to approve the August minutes. It was seconded by Sunny and the motion passed by unanimous vote.
4. Old Business
 - a. Pollinator Garden – Mark obtained 20 pounds of perennial wildflower seeds and will spread them
 - b. Wastewater Project – There are no updates with regard to the town parcels
 - c. Natural resources inventory- Gary has been in touch with Walter Poleman, Program Director of the Field Naturalist Program at UVM and our project aligns well with their program. The project has a 1-2year timeline and has a cost of \$6,000-6,500. Helen made a motion to engage with this program and seek funding. It was seconded by and passed by unanimous vote. Gary will follow up with Poleman and find out about next steps.
 - d. Zoning Bylaws-Will Goodwin asked us to comment on the proposed bylaw amendments on subdivisions and conservation overlay district. We will review the relevant articles and make a recommendation on them.
 - e. Events
 - i. Our river walk with Haley Kolding was very interesting though not well attended.
 - ii. Our Vermont Surroundings in 4 Seasons, Climate Change- Bill McKibben has told Jane he can do the talk and she is awaiting his available date. We will await Jane's return to follow up on this.
 - iii. Ice Age in Vermont- Robert Badger has agreed to do the talk. Helen will follow up again with him to set a date. We'll try to schedule it in late January-February.
 - iv. Bear update- Steve will contact Ben Killum, for a late February-early March talk
 - v. Foraging and Cooking Up Edible Plants- Sunny spoke with Wes Genovart and he is interested in doing both the foraging and cooking parts. We will follow up with his as to his availability and timing.
 - vi. Owl Prowl- Steve will contact VINS
 - vii. These possible talks are tabled for future review: Fox, Slow birding, Agroecology
5. West River water sampling- Annie Bessette has completed the season of testing and would like to do it again next year if her schedule allows.

6. Conservation News
 - a. Irwin reviewed several conservation news items of interest including a trial of wireless fence on a goat herd that is clearing brush on Magic Mountain
7. New Business
 - a. Jane was asked by Marge Fish of the Parks Board if the Conservation Commission for assistance with trails at Pingree Park. In advance of responding we will investigate the LCCs formal role as it pertains to Pingree and the other Town properties
8. Wildlife sightings – Woodchuck, moose, bear, great blue heron, loon, fox, porcupine, racoon, turkeys, bald eagle, night hawk, merganser

Next meeting: TBD