

**Town of Londonderry
Conservation Commission**

MINUTES

Thursday, October 30, 2025

Present: Jane MacKugler, Irwin Kuperberg, Steve Swinbourne, Mark Wright, Sunny Wright;
Helen Hamman and Gary Hedman via zoom

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:15pm
2. The following items were added to the agenda: Shamburg trails, Williams Dam Meeting on October 18
3. Approval of September minutes- Approved by unanimous vote after motion by Mark and second by Steve
4. Old Business
 - a. Natural Resources Inventory -Greta Aiken has completed all data collection and will come to present it in the spring. Regarding this and her report on specific to the area around the Williams Dam we will consider having her a presentation for the town .
 - b. Pollinator Garden- The need was expressed to manage goldenrod. It was agreed that we would manually pull it in the spring. Mark will cut things down in a few weeks.
 - c. Wastewater Project – no relevant news
 - d. Game cameras at Shamberg- We are still awaiting the coordinates of the cameras so we can retrieve the SD cards
 - e. Events
 - i. Bluebird house building- Ron Svec has agreed to participate in a birdhouse building workshop for schoolchildren that we'll run in March, with the date TBD. Sunny will work with Ron to plan dates and get advice on how to organize the workshop. Sunny will also contact Ann Alfred for planning. Ron would give a presentation on the same or a different day. We can follow up with a birdhouse trail in Prouty, using the birdhouses the kids build at the workshop.
 - ii. Proposed Spring talks: The growing bear populations, foraging.
 - iii. Mark proposed a talk by Dan Thompson on bird habitat restoration
5. Conservation News

Irwin presented several conservation related news items
6. New Business
 - a. Addition of an unofficial junior member- Tabled until next meeting
 - b. Williams Dam Meeting on October 18- There was an excellent presentation by Todd Menees of DEC on dam removal and it was followed by a Q&A session. Although there was considerable discussion we felt that no new ground was covered.
 - c. Shamburg trails- We have learned that the town has published a list of hiking trails that included the Shamberg Forest. Because of the sensitive nature of the habitat we felt that this information should be qualified. We will ask Recreation Director Liam Elio to meet with us to discuss the concern.

7. Wildlife sightings – deer, turkeys, porcupine, cardinals, nuthatches, bluejays, mergansers, possum

Next meeting will be January 8