

**Town of Londonderry
Conservation Commission**

AGENDA

Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 5pm
Location: Neighborhood Connections
5700 Vermont Rte 100, Londonderry

Present: Helen Hamman, Gary Hedman (via zoom), Irwin Kuperberg, Jane MacKugler, Stephen Swinburne, Mark Wright, Sunny Wright Visitor: Greta Aiken

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:15
2. The May minutes were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Sunny and seconded by Helen
3. Additions or deletions to the agenda- Added Regional Watershed Management Task Force
4. Old Business
 - a. Natural Resources Inventory-Greta Aiken reported on her progress to date. She has already been to the Shamburg and Custer Sharpe properties. Her observations at Shamburg include: diverse wetlands, heron and beaver habitat, a possible rare natural community, a peat bog.
 - b. Pollinator Garden-the Pollinator Garden is looking great right now, with a burst of yellow from coreopsis
 - c. Wastewater Project – The Selectboard voted to distribute the debt across the grand list and this will reduce the cost for the users. There will be a public information meeting about the system on July 10.
 - d. Purchase game cameras-Greta researched the specs for the cameras we need but she is waiting to see if the State can provide them
 - e. Events
 - i. Steve contacted Charlie Nardozi, The Vermont Gardener, and Joe Roman, a UVM conservation biologist about doing a program
 - ii. Mark has been in touch with a great speaker who talks about bird rescue
 - iii. Sunny contacted Melanie Kahn about mushroom foraging and will follow up
 - iv. Mark's forester is discussing changing the management to attract a greater variety of birds
 - v. We will operate a stand at the Farmer's Market on 2 weekends in August (2nd and August 23) to present Greta's findings and to recruit citizen scientists to gather data on an observation we will determine
5. Conservation News
 - a. Irwin presented several recent news items around the topic of conservation
6. New Business

- a. Regional Watershed Management Task Force -Marie Caduto has worked on a West River Corridor plan. Once we review the findings we will contact the Landgrove and Weston Conservation Commissions to develop a Task Force.
 - b. Liberty Tree- We discussed the proposal, passed to us by Martha Dale of the Select Board, to purchase a commemorative elm tree and plaque for the nation's 250 birthday. We will, instead, designate one of the elms that Mark planted and add our own plaque.
 - c. Wildflowers at Aiken Corner- Since receiving this proposal from Liam Elio it was determined that the project was not feasible
7. Wildlife sightings – Bears, moose, great blue heron, indigo bunting , porcupine

Next meeting will be July 15, mainly to discuss the Farmer's Market