

**Town of Londonderry
Conservation Commission**

MINUTES

Thursday, April 10, 2024

1. Call meeting to order
 - a. Present: Helen Hamman, Irwin Kuperberg, Jane MacKugler; Gary Hedman, Steven Swinburne, Mark Wright and Sunny Wright by phone
2. The minutes of the March meeting were approved by unanimous vote
3. Old Business
 - a. Natural Resources Inventory- Greta Aiken is sending a proposal for the project; we will review and comment once we get it. Irwin requested from the Putney Conservation Commission their resources on wildlife crossings which we can use for this or another project.
 - b. Pollinator Garden- Last Fall Mark added more seed and did trimming to prevent woody growth. It is now too early to identify new growth and we should be able to assess new seedling growth in June.
 - c. Wastewater Project – Nothing to report at this time.
 - d. Events
 - i. Robert Badger's – Jane created a great poster and we are ready to distribute to press and social media. We will provide refreshments. Mark made all the arrangements with the campus.
4. Conservation News
 - a. Irwin shared several general news items of interest
5. New Business
 - a. Truax solar farm- The solar farm on the previous septage field is fully operational. None of the members were aware of any town wide announcements about this or how the energy and revenue would be allocated.
 - b. Prouty- The Select Board is working on a potential move of the South Londonderry Fire Department to the Prouty Land. The fire department will bear the cost of construction, wants town to lease the land. This is a long range plan.
 - c. Vermont Rivers Program- With the Vermont Rivers Program engaging on a river corridor project with the Town Irwin had a phone meeting with Alyssa Sabato to learn more on behalf of the LCC. The Vermont Rivers Program is run by the Dept of Environmental Conservation of and is comprised of three sections: [Streamflow Protection](#), [River Management](#), [River Corridor and Floodplain Protection](#). The Londonderry project is aimed will be aimed at flood plain restoration and management in the North Village, with grant funding being sought. If approved awards will be made in Spring, 2026 and implementation will begin in 2028. The

VRP works directly with Select Boards but the LCC can partner later to engage private landowners with implementation.

- d. Town Forest Designations – Irwin is still gathering information towards creating Town Forest designations for all applicable Town lands.
 - e. Game Cameras- Gary proposed purchasing game cameras to complement our natural resources inventory work. In addition, Helen suggested having one in Shamburg possibly other places; we would share the photos with the community on social media. Steve suggested 3 cameras, for different habitats. Cameras could also be used with our natural resources inventory.
 - f. Resiliency Committee- There is a lot of discussion about rivers. River corridors and reducing flow will be part of their plan and they are planning to reach out to Westin and Landgrove since they are upstream.
6. Wildlife sightings – fox, turkeys, barred owl, great blue heron, mergansers, ducks, loons, Canada geese, chipmunk

Next meeting Thursday, May 15