

**Town of Londonderry  
Conservation Commission**

**MINUTES**

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Location: Neighborhood Connections

5700 Vermont Rte 100, Londonderry

Present: Helen Hamman, Irwin Kuperberg, JaneMacKugler; Gary Hedman, sunny Wright and Mark Wright via zoom

1. Call meeting to order at 5:35pm
2. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda
3. The January minutes were approved by unanimous vote following a motion by Helen seconded by Steve
4. Old Business
  - a. Natural Resources Inventory -Gary led a review of the report draft. It is well structured and will provide us with a valuable resource for the future. It can also be a springboard for us to complement it through our own efforts.
  - b. Game cameras at Shamberg- Greta took them back with her and we are awaiting contents of the sd cards. Jane had reviewed them briefly and saw beavers and coyotes. There are also cameras from Prouty that we have yet to review.
  - c. Pollinator Garden-Mark and Irwin submitted a Tiny Grant application to add new seed
  - d. Wastewater Project
  - e. Events
    - i. Bluebird program wrapup-Very successful, Irwin thanked everyone for a great job in organizing and pulling the program together. Jane and Liam have installed 10 bluebird boxes at the Prouty Land and it can become a bluebird trail.
    - ii. May bird walk-talk for the public on May 16 with Forester Dan Thomson and Audubon staffer Tim Duclos to encourage bird populations through woodlands management. Location is tbd. Mark and Jane will work on publicity.
    - iii. Bears, Beavers-On Sunday, April 12, the Hinesburg Conservation Commission and the Vermont Beaver Collective will host a presentation on the lives of beavers and strategies for living with them harmoniously. Naturalist Patti Smith will begin the presentation, sharing what she has learned from beavers she has studied in the wild and raised as orphans, illustrated with photos and videos. Skip Lisle will then talk about how to solve beaver conflicts. Lisle is a biologist, founder of Beaver Deceivers International, and the leading expert on flow devices—structures that protect culverts and regulate water levels. Skip has been testing materials and designs for decades and has learned how to resolve conflicts in ways that allow beavers to create valuable wetland habitat.
    - iv. Steve recommended LukeGroff, herpetologist, can do a presentation on snakes in July
5. Conservation News

6. New Business

- a. Addition of an unofficial junior member- Helen made a motion for us to begin the process of recruiting a junior member. Unanimous
- b.

7. Wildlife sightings beaver, loons, coyote, mergansers, bear, deer, turkeys, wood ducks, brown trout, spring peepers, wood frogs

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