

Minutes for Londonderry Conservation Commission Meeting
January 15, 2026

Location: Londonderry Town Office Building
School Street, South Londonderry

Present: Jane Mackugler, Helen Hamman, Mark Wright, Sunny Wright, Liam Elio, Gary Hedman via zoom, Greta Aiken

1. Meeting called to order 5:05 PM
2. Approval of October minutes by unanimous vote after motion by Helen Hamman and seconded by Sunny Wright.
3. Presentation by Liam Elio , Mountain Town Recreation Director
 - a. Explanation of MTR initiatives and work with other town and community organizations
 - b. Discussion of how The LCC could work with MTR including trail work, communication and publicity of programs, such as the Bluebird Program at Flood Brook school March 19.
4. Old Business
 - a. Presentation of Outline for Natural Resources Inventory by Greta Aiken and discussion of next steps with March 1 goal for completion of maps of town lands stewarded by LCC.
 - b. Game cameras at Shamburg: Jane and Sunny found one of the two and Jane showed photos retrieved of various wildlife. Greta will retrieve the other one on 1/16 and put others up
 - c. Wastewater Project update by Gary Hedman:
 - i. Almost all easements by property owners in so that final state permits for South Londonderry project will be in soon ~ enabling bids to be put out for construction, which hopefully will begin in May. Logging almost done on Town Land and a few trees to be taken down on private lands. Deadline for completion November 30th, 2026.
 - ii. North Londonderry Project has a different funding mechanism and calendar for completion. Town manager is in discussion with the land owner who offered to have the discharge tank on their property east of Middletown Road
5. Events/New Business
 - a. Bluebird Program#1 : Date: March 19 confirmed with presenter Ron Svec Place: Flood Brook School ~ Time: 5PM. Liam will coordinate with appropriate folks at the school.

- b. Bluebird Program #2: Thursday March 26th during the school day ~ Workshop with middle school students to assemble pre-cut pieces for Bluebird Houses to be put up in strategic places at the school and on LCC stewarded town lands. Liam will also communicate with Flood Brook to schedule. Sunny will follow up with teachers as well as with Lew Teich and Kara Piergentili who have done a similar workshop in Brattleboro area. Gary offered to discuss possible donation of pre-cut pieces from Jamaica Cottage Shop.
 - c. Bears and Beavers program: not discussed as Steve was not present and he was the lead on this event.
 - d. Discussion led by Mark about talk/walk for the public in early May with Forester Dan Thomson and Audubon staffer Tim Ducios to encourage bird populations through woodlands management
 - e. Discussion of how to encourage and publicize "The Great Backyard Bird Count in February: Jane offered to make a poster announcement - hopefully to put on the Londonderry forum, Library Newsletter, Doings in Derry etc.
 - f.
6. Conservation News: Discussion tabled
7. Wildlife sightings: An increased amount of Evening Grosbeak in South and North Londonderry (probably come down from Canada), Finches and Barred Owl in Rugg Valley, Ruffed grouse on Shamburg camera feed which also had a fawn with mother, hermit thrush and others, Jane's many sightings at her bird feeder on the Landgrove Road, tracks of snowshoe hares, coyote
8. Next Meeting is Thursday February 19th: Location to be decided