

**Town of Londonderry
Conservation Commission**

MINUTES

Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 5:00pm
Location: Neighborhood Connections
5700 Vermont Rte 100, Londonderry

Present: Gary Hedman, Irwin Kuperberg, Jane MacKugler, Steven Swinburne

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:15
2. The following change was made to the agenda: New business/Recreation director is removed.
3. The June minutes were approved by unanimous vote following a motion by Gary seconded by Jane
4. Old Business
 - a. Natural Resources Inventory -Gary reported on his preliminary review of the document. It is very detailed with a vast store of information and we'll need time to review it in depth to provide feedback and determine how we want to use it. Gary will divide up the report so that each of us can study their part and report back to the group.
 - b. Pollinator Garden- Irwin noticed that Hunter Excavating had cordoned off a portion of the Pollinator Garden but Gary learned that this was only a temporary measure related to wetland buffering during the digging. Steve cleaned out the bird boxes, one had bluebird and one had swallows.
 - c. Wastewater Project – Late changes to the location of the disposal field will modify the access path to the lower field
 - d. Water Sampling- Annie Besette needs a sub for the month of August. Irwin will cover August 5th and we still need a volunteer for August 19.
 - e. Events
 - i. Kim Ray has created an artistic installation on bluebirds which was inspired by our Bluebird presentation. We will collaborate with her on a presentation next spring.
 - ii. Steve is speaking with Luke Groff of VT Fish & Wildlife about a snake presentation. They are working on an October date.
 - iii. Gary recommended that we do another owl presentation with Fred Homer this Fall and everyone is in agreement. Mark will contact him.
 - iv. We will stage the Biggest Tree in Londonderry contest as we did several years ago.
5. Conservation News
6. New Business
 - a. Addition of an unofficial junior member-we can work with the BBA Mountain Campus on this. Mark will talk John Hammond, the campus director.
7. Wildlife sightings – American toads, turkey, deer, loons, coyote, bear, wrens, cardinals, catbird

Next meeting will be Thursday, August 20