

**Londonderry Conservation Commission  
Meeting January 21, 2016**

**6pm**

Present: Mark Wright, Irwin Kuperberg, Kathie Stone, Helen Hamman, Margie Beckwith

Absent: Bob Twitchell (announced)

**Administrative Matters**

The minutes of the December 2015 minutes were approved.

There was not a financial report.

**Old Business**

Irwin will send a spreadsheet detailing the Ash tree inventory that he and Bob began. The Ash trees were counted on six roads in Londonderry. There was an average of 35-45 trees per mile.

Irwin and Kathie each had conversations with Greg **Desimone** at Green Mountain Power regarding Green Mountain's plan for removing Ash trees. They will fell trees within 10 feet on either side of the power lines but will not dispose of the trees.

Jock Harvey will be contacted and asked if the larva stay alive in felled Ash trees. The bugs are not active in the winter. There is a preventative application for Ash trees to protect against the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) but it is very expensive.

Irwin suggested presenting information regarding the EAB to the Select Board so that a strategy can be put together. The LCC should also educate the landowners about the EAB.

Margie plans on contacting Marie Caduto and Lauie Callahan for ideas on the Pond Event.

Helen completed the LCC report for the town.

Everything that was asked for in the 2016 budget is included in the current draft budget that will be voted on at the March town meeting.

Plugs of milkweed will be purchased and planted in early spring. Mark will contact VT center for Eco studies to set up a butterfly presentation for late summer or fall.

**New Business**

Mark passed out Woolly adelgid survey forms, please return by the March meeting.

Irwin received a request from SeVWA asking for funding for the water testing again this year. There is \$1000.00 in the draft budget for this.

Mark would like to bring Weston into the water testing and he will speak to Jim Linville about this.

A map of Londonderry, provided by the Connectivity committee, was reviewed to make sure it includes the lands that the LCC oversees.

Kathie will distribute the current contact list, which needs to be updated.

Wildlife sightings – red squirrel, **pileated** woodpecker, blue jays chickadees, red fox, coyote, deer, turkeys, robin

Meeting adjourned 7:30

Next Meeting: February 18, 2016

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha Cowles