

## **Londonderry Conservation Commission**

**Minutes November 19, 2015**

**6pm**

Present: Mark Wright, Bob Twitchell, Margie Beckwith, Kathie Stone, Helen Hamman

Absent: Irwin Kuperberg (announced)

Meeting brought to order at 6:15pm

Welcome new member Helen Hamman!

### **Administrative Matters**

The minutes of the October 15, 2015 meeting were approved.

Bob Twitchell reported the following for the Financial Report:

- The bill for \$925.00 from Longview Contracting for the invasive eradication at the Prouty land was received and will be submitted for payment to Tina.
- \$1000 from town was received and deposited into the Conservation Fund. The balance in the Conservation Fund is \$18840.77.
- Heritage Family Credit Union is now sending monthly statements instead of quarterly statements.

### **Old Business**

Bob and Irwin had good success counting Ash trees by driving down several town roads. Irwin has the information that was obtained.

Kathie will contact Green Mountain Power and ask if they have a plan in place for the Ash trees near power lines.

The Conservation Commission in the town of Dummerston has completed an Ash tree inventory and their website has information that could help the LCC form a plan.

The Canopy Grant was granted for \$690.00 and is to be matched by LCC. Kathie will get the specific numbers on which projects the money can be used.

The following ideas for upcoming events were discussed:

- Margie will work on resources for an event on Ponds. Lori Callahan may be a good contact.
- Mark suggested a program by the Vermont Center for Eco Studies. In the past they have provided programming on Bobolinks and Bumblebees.
- Helen will research planting of Asclepias (milkweed/butterfly weed) in the field across from traffic island in Londonderry.
- Another idea is for an informational session for homeowners on the Emerald Ash Borer

Motion was made by Mark to pay the yearly dues to the AVCC Conservation

commission and Bob seconded. Bob will contact Tina about paying the dues.

**New Business**

The LCC has a meeting with new town administrator Tuesday 12/1/15 at 11 am.

Mark and Kathie attended a Windham County Conservation Commission meeting with the following towns represented: Vernon, Brattleboro, Dummerston, Marlboro, Putney and Londonderry. This group is a good contact for advertising for future LCC events.

Bob will speak to Tina about last year's budget and ask for expenditures for this year so that the budgeting process for next year can be started.

Wildlife sightings: moose, deer, bald eagles, blue jays, chickadees, bard owl, ruffed grouse, cedar wax wings, and red fox

Meeting adjourned 8 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha Cowles

Next Meeting: December 17, 2015