

Londonderry Conservation Commission
March 19, 2015
6pm Twitchell Building, South Londonderry, Vermont

Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm

Present: Mark Wright, Bob Twitchell, Bob Trask, Kathie Stone, Irwin Kuperberg

Administrative Matters

Martha Cowles, the new administrative assistant, will monitor the conservation@londonderryvt.org email and will forward pertinent emails to the board.

The minutes of February 19, 2015 were approved.

Financial Report will be reported on quarterly – April, July, September and December.

Old Business

Recap of “A River Runs Through Us” – Thank you to Irwin for a very successful evening. Dick Smith and Marie Caduto presented. A thank you should be sent to Marie. 33 people attended.

Update on the Emerald Ash Borer – Kathie attended a talk and obtained materials and information on the Emerald Ash Borer. There is information available for gathering inventory and applying safe pesticides to will help with advance planning. There are infestations in NH and NY including the Adirondacks. They have not been spotted in VT. Kathie will speak informally with Steve Prouty, tree warden, to ask him to attend a LCC meeting to begin discussing a plan.

Funding for SeVWA - The Town approved \$415.00 for water testing for SeVWA at the March town meeting. LCC will give \$1500.00 for water testing purposes in Londonderry only. Bob Twitchell will speak to Tina about this matter.

Kathie spoke to Ken Hall of Weston conservation commission and they are interested in water testing.

Wooly Adelgid Reports were given to Mark. Kathie confirmed that the nearest sighting is Jamaica.

Update on the Prouty Land Burn – Mark- talked to Kevin and most likely he will not recommend a burn this year. There was an effective burn last April.

The bluebird houses did not have any occupants last year.

Canopy Grant - Kathie and Mark are working on a grant from the VT Urban and Forestry program. There is \$40000 available for the entire state. LCC will probably ask for \$1500.00. It is a matching grant.

Bob Twitchell spoke to Sam Schneski regarding eliminating invasives. Sam suggested contacting Dan Healey . Dan will meet with the LCC when the snow is gone.

Sharon Crossman dropped off information from the Planning Commission regarding a meeting with the Parks Board and local connectivity. The Planning Commission would like a summary of town lands.

Discussion regarding the LCC accounts:

Conservation fund money is used to conserve Londonderry lands. There is about \$17,000 in the account. It can be used to pay for development rights or buy land. The Logging fund has about \$20,000-\$25,000. Bob will ask Tina Labeau about the logging fund to find out if it is separate entity or comingled with other conservation funds. Bob will ask Tina to send Mark an email with current balances.

Meeting adjourned: 7:40 after a motion by Bob Twitchell seconded by Kathie Stone.

Wildlife sightings: bard owl, deer, snow flees, cedar waxwings, red squirrel, junco, chickadees, turkeys, blue jays, gray fox in Winhall, crows, ravens.

Next Meetings: Thursday April 23, 2015, Thursday May 21, 2015

Respectively submitted,
Martha Cowles