

Minutes for the Londonderry Conservation Commission
Meeting on Dec. 16 2014 ---amended

The meeting began at six in the evening at the Twitchell Town Office Building. Mark Wright, Irwin Kuperberg and Bob Trask were present. Kathie Stone and Bob Twitchell were absent.

OLD BUSINESS: In advertising the opening for administrative assistant, now that Peggy Russell has resigned, the meeting agreed to use the same text as was used when Marge Malko resigned. The secretary will send Peggy a letter of thanks for her help.

The meeting also agreed to send a “get well card” to Kathie Stone.

NEW BUSINESS: Jeremy Schrauf of W. Wardsboro arrived at the meeting to explain the current state of affairs at the Southeast Vermont Watershed Alliance. According to his draft of the 2015 budget, a copy of which is enclosed, a minimum of sixty-three hundred ninety dollars (\$6,390.00) must be raised to cover projected expenses for 2015 totaling seventeen thousand, eight hundred twenty-two dollars (\$17,822). Jeremy says the basic work of the Alliance is three fold: first, the taking of water samples and their delivery to the La Rosa Laboratory for analysis; second, education of the public about the current state of the watershed; and third, out reach programs such as the Strolling Of The Heifers, the Brattleboro summer event. He says the three urgent needs of the Alliance are: an increase in membership, sponsorship by local businesses and volunteers willing to help. At Mark’s request he agreed to send LCC a copy of the mission statement of the SeVWA.

After Mr. Schrauf's departure the meeting took up the Planning Commission's request for a detailed description of the LCC's involvement with Town lands namely Pingree Park, the Shamberg Property, Memorial Park, the Custer\Sharp Woods, the Truax Property, the small parcel bordering on the Prouty Property, the Prouty Property itself and the Sherwood Forest lot which borders on Flood Brook. This matter will be on the agenda for the January meeting, as will a review of the LCC's accomplishments in 2014 and events planned for 2015.

Following Mr. Schrauf's remarks the meeting discussed the desirability of a meeting in 2015 on the subject of the Town's waters, its river, its ponds, brooks and lakes to include, perhaps, a dusting off of the much neglected ground water study which was done several years ago by the State.

WILDLIFE REPORT; Turkeys, deer, Blue jays, Chickadees, coyote, crows, ravens and Flickers.

Adjournment came at 8:40 PM on a motion by Irwin Kuperberg seconded by Bob Trask.

Respectfully submitted: Bob Trask, sec'y.