

**Londonderry Conservation Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Administration Matters:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. Members present: Mark Wright, Bob Trask, Irwin Kuperberg, Kathie Stone and Bob Twitchell.

The minutes of the March meeting were reviewed and corrected. A motion was made to accept the minutes as corrected by Bob Twitchell with a second by Bob Trask. The motion passed.

Bob Twitchell gave the Treasurer's report and stated the in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter there was interest earned of \$14.39 for the Conservation Fund.

**Old Business:**

Irwin Kuperberg reported that he and Kathie Stone had met with Laurie Callahan and discussed the control of Wild Chervil. Callahan stated that the chervil could be controlled and eventually removed by keeping it cut down repeatedly before the bloom. Commission members agreed that this method would be preferable to using herbicides. Kuperberg to determine when would be best to cut and contact members to arrange day and time for cutting.

Kathie Stone reported that she had applied for the Tiny Grant Program on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and had not had a response. She stated that she had requested the grant to assist with Wild Chervil removal. With no response it was noted that the grant had most likely been denied. .

Mark Wright reported that five bird houses had been installed right after the burn on the Prouty property. Wright to keep a watch on the property and note if any birds were nesting.

Commission members reported that the controlled burn on the Prouty property had a good turnout of volunteers and that the burn appeared to have been successful. Trask to write a thank you to all the volunteers for their assistance. Thank you to be posted on the website, town newsletter and in the Message. Stone to provide photos. Twitchell will check the property and report on the success of the burn at the next meeting.

**New Business:**

Commission members discussed the LCC pages of the town website. Kathie Stone will reorganize the projects page and Irwin Kuperberg will work on events and reports pages.

No update was available on the Norr right of way. Wright to inquire regarding the status and check on the posting of the notice.

Mark Wright reported that the bumble bee talk had been well attended and successful.

Commission members discussed possible ways to educate land owners about honeysuckle and the spread of the plant in the town's open fields. Education at this time of year was decided to be key as it would be the best time to pull the young plants. Commission discussed offering their services to help land owners identify the plant in their fields.

**Other:**

A contest with wildlife cameras in connection with the town website will be discussed with Paul Gordon and Kuperberg will report at the next meeting.

Twitchell reported that he had seen at least two Heron nesting with young on the Shamburg property.

Twitchell to meet with Kelly Pajala next week to discuss the layout of a trail in Pingree park through the wet area of the park. Kelly will email the commission with details.

**Wildlife:**

Cooper hawk, Blue jay, Hummingbird, Cliff swallow, Barn swallow, Tree swallow, Turkey, Green heron, Pilliated woodpecker, Muskrat, Ruffed grouse, Killdeer, wasps, Woodchuck, bumblebees, black flies and deer.

Kathie Stone made the motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Irwin Kuperberg seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

**The next meeting will be the Commission's annual meeting. June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

Respectfully submitted, Peggy Russell

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Robert Trask, Secretary