

Londonderry Conservation Commission
Minutes July 16, 2015
6pm

Present: Mark Wright, Bob Twitchell, Irwin Kuperberg

Absent: Kathie Stone

Guests: Jock Harvey, Bob Everingham, Paul Gordon, Helen Hammond

Administrative Matters

The minutes of June 18, 2015 were approved.

Bob Twitchell reported a balance of \$17818.56 in the Conservation Fund.

Old Business

Jock Harvey and Bob Everingham attended the meeting to discuss and provide information about the imminent Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) invasion and ash tree inventory. The State of Vermont has great resources for obtaining information on the EAB but there is no state funding available. One of the first steps needs to be to inventory the ash trees on the town right of ways. The next step would be to start to form a plan for removing and/or treating the ash trees. There are 40 miles of road in Londonderry.

Vtinvasives.org is a website that has information, tools, and tree inventory survey examples pertaining to the EAB. They offer training classes on becoming a Forest Pest First Detector. Another helpful tool is the ANR Atlas.

Irwin Kuperberg has the SeVWA invoice and will submit it to the Town.

Canopy Grant – waiting to hear back about details.

The bobolink walk at Haven Hill Farm went well with about 15 in attendance.

Advertising for the Invasive Eradication at Prouty Land will be sent to the local papers and published on Front Porch Forum and in the Londonderry Monthly by August 17th.

New Business

Membership:

Bob Trask has resigned. Thank you to Bob for his years of service.

Three people have expressed interest in joining LCC and will be invited to the next meeting. Interviews will be scheduled for 6:15 and 7:15 on August 20th.

Paul Gordon attended the meeting to announce that the Select Board is creating a committee to study policing in Londonderry.

The Select Board is also considering putting together a joint effort to include the Park boards, the Beautification committee, the Cemetery commission and the LCC to open communication about all town lands, including the FEMA properties, and the best way to care for them.

Helen Hammond attended the meeting to express interest in joining the LCC.

Wildlife sightings: deer, turkeys, bobolinks, savannah sparrow, flicker, bittern, great blue herons, ruft grouse, ducks, king fisher, red squirrel,

Meeting adjourned 8:10 pm

Next Meeting: August 20th, 2015 preceded by a site visit at 5pm at West River Farm.