

**Londonderry Conservation Commission
Minutes December 17, 2015**

6pm

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

Absent: Irwin Kuperberg

Administrative Matters

The minutes of the November 19, 2015 meeting were approved

Old Business

Kathie has contacted Green Mountain Power to inquire about their planning regarding Ash trees and the Emerald Ash Borer. She is waiting to hear back from them.

The amounts awarded from the Canopy Grant are \$500 for tree planting, \$50 for tree inventory, and \$50 for public outreach. These amounts need to be matched by the Conservation Commission.

Bob will visit the Prouty land.

Kathie and Helen will create the report for the Town's Annual Report.

The 2016 budget was discussed at the meeting with new Town Administrator and the following funds were requested: \$900 for administrative assistant, \$500 for two programs, \$600 match for the Canopy grant, \$1000 water testing, \$500 ash tree inventory and public meeting to explain Emerald Ash Borer, \$90 Elm tree protection, \$100 milkweed plugs, and dues.

Mark suggested having the Vermont Center for Eco Studies present a butterfly program in conjunction with the planting of the milkweed plugs

Margie will work on programming and best dates for a program on ponds.

Kathie will send Helen the water testing information.

Mark will talk to Kevin about mowing, burning or sheep grazing as the best method for maintaining town lands.

New Business

At the January meeting, the town properties need to be discussed. Sharon Crossman will be asked to attend the January meeting to discuss the Connectivity - People, Places and Pathways project.

The Land trust asked for \$6500.00 from the Conservation fund for the stewardship endowment of the Twitchell land. This was approved by the board.

Members of the LCC should send pictures to Paul Gordon to put on the LCC page on the Londonderry website.

Wildlife sightings: turkeys, ruffed grouse, deer, woodpeckers, and grey squirrel

Meeting adjourned 7:15

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Cowles

Next Meeting: January 21, 2016