

**Londonderry Conservation Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**These minutes are not yet approved by the commission.**  
**January 16, 2014**

**Administration Matters:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. Members present: Mark Wright, Irwin Kuperberg, Bob Trask and Bob Twitchell.

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

Bob Twitchell gave the Treasurers report, details of which will appear in the Town Report. The year end balance for the LCC Operating Account was \$2,714.51. 2013 income from all sources was \$969.87 and expenses totaled \$774.87. The Londonderry Conservation Fund account was \$14,728.27. The Operating Account has now been closed with funds subsumed into the Town accounts.

The Select Board has advised us that the Conservation Fund must be closed. It will be taken over the the Town Treasurer.

The LCC submission to the Town Report is due on January 23. Irwin Kuperberg will compile the report.

**Old Business:**

Big Tree Hunt 2014 - Peggy placed the ad in the local papers and it should be out in the next two weeks. Mark proposed that another notice be placed in another month. Kathie S. will write the copy for the next article and Irwin K. will submit the picture of the yellow birch.

Invasives- We will focus on wild chervil found near Lowell Lake, along rte 11 and on rte 100. It was proposed that LCC funds be used to pay crews for the job. Other candidates for management are along the Main Street riverfront, at the Prouty land and along the newly exposed banks of the duck pond should the Williams Dam be lowered.

Logging report-

John Adler has moved into Pingree Park but not yet started. When operations start at Shamburg, assistance will be provided by Hunter Excavating.

**New Business:**

Kathie Stone attended the Ecosystem Restoration Project meeting in Jamaica. More information can be found at watershedmanagement.vt.gov. Based on discussions she heard she suggested that we develop a plan to establish a riparian planting around the duck pond if the town decides to lower the Williams Dam. Prevention of the spread of knotweed would also be a priority.

Selectman Paul Gordon attended the meeting to report on revisions to the town website. The town is working with a developer to migrate the website to a Wordpress environment which will enable updates directly by town personnel instead of a web programmer. We will hold a special meeting on Thursday, January 23 to review the LCC pages of the town website and make recommendations for the new site.

Mark Wright reiterated that he would like to see the restoring of birdhouses on the Prouty and Shamburg properties as one of the Commissions projects.

We will again participate in the annual survey of hemlock wooly adelgid.

**Wildlife:**

Red fox, deer, Blue jay, Chickadee, cedar waxwings, grey squirrel.

**The next meeting will be February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.** Irwin Kuperberg will not be able to attend.

Kathie Stone made a motion to adjourn at 7:56p.m. Bob Trask seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Irwin Kuperberg