

Londonderry Conservation Commission Minutes

10 October 10, 2014

The following were present: Mark Wright, Bob Twitchell, Irwin Kuperberg, Kathie Wright, and Bob Trask. Peggy Russell was absent because of a family emergency.

The minutes for September eighteenth were approved following a motion by Irwin Kuperberg seconded by Bob Twitchell.

Treasurer Twitchell reported a balance of seventeen thousand seven hundred sixty-nine dollars seventy-nine cents in the LCC's Heritage CU account.

Under "Old Business" Kathie Stone and Irwin Kuperberg have updated the LCC page of the Town website for webmaster Paul Gordon. Irwin has volunteered to keep the LCC page updated and Paul has placed Irwin's suggestion on the agenda for consideration at the meeting of the select board on Oct. 20th.

Under "New Business", Kathie and Irwin reported that the WRWA tests the waters of the West River at a total of 26 sites, three of which are in Londonderry, at a cost of \$321 per site or a total of \$963 for the Town. (Both Kathie and Irwin are water samplers for the WRWA having received their training from Laurie Callahan.) Irwin proposed the following motion which is to take the form of a recommendation from the LCC to the select board, that the Town provide funding in the amount of \$1500 to the WRWA, to defray the cost of water testing in Londonderry for the 2015 season. This motion was tabled when Kathie Stone volunteered to take the matter up with Town Manager Kevin Beattie for his advice prior to actually submitting the motion to the board.

The question arose as to why the town of Weston is not involved in water testing when the headwaters of the West River rise close to that town.

The wild life photo of the month, taken by Irwin Kuperberg, appearing on the LCC page of the Town Website shows young herons standing on their nest.

Mark Wright brought up the subject of the White Pine that has fallen across the West River south of Londonderry just above the Tai Quan Do studio. Is it a hazard or a conversation piece? If the former, is there a practical way to remove it?

Wildlife report: Male pheasant, turkeys, flickers, deer, ruffed grouse, bluebird, chickadees, insects in the house do to warm temperatures and a pileated woodpecker.

Notice was taken of a short article in the Oct. 16th Brattleboro Reformer about the town of West Windsor's purchase of 470 acres of the former Ascutney ski area. The money for the purchase will come from the West Windsor Conservation Fund and the national non-profit Trust for Public Land. A copy of the article is attached.