

Conservation Commission  
Minutes  
4/21/16

Members attending: John Andersen, Bill Schmidt, Mary Ellen Copeland, Jonathan Royce, Bill Johnson, Ed Anthes.

Also attending: Sarah Berg

Minutes of the March meeting were accepted as submitted. Moved by Bill S.  
Seconded by John.

A report on a variety of Citizen Science opportunities was presented, including Firefly Watch, e-Butterfly, Vt Atlas of Life. We will publicize in our newsletter.

Next Joint Conservation Commission will be held in November. Guilford will host.

#### Water

A number of water initiatives are upcoming. Windham Regional Comm. Is sponsoring two meetings re: changes in water regulations.

Thursday, May 5, Wilmington Town Office 6:30-8:30

Monday, May 9,

Also, a project to collect names of local brooks and small watercourses is being started. Jolene Hamilton is coordinating.

A finance report was circulated for review and discussion.

#### Invasives Workshop

Chris Polatin will present on Dealing with Invasive Plants around Our Homes  
Tuesday, April 26, 7pm

#### First Detector Program

Jonathan is in touch with faculty at Keene State College about research on Emerald Ash Borer. He is investigating what makes sense to do if an infestation appears in Dummerston.

Landmark College has developed an app to use GPS on smart phones to locate and map ash along Putney roads.

#### Prospect Hill

Trail work needs to be done soon, removing fallen trees and brush. Jon and Ed will work with others to bridge the stream. May 27 is the day scheduled for Jon and his crew to work on the trail.

### Maple Day

Wonderful weather and a good turnout to view the wide range of sugaring operations in Dummerston.

### Future workshops

Rock structures and cellar holes in Fall.

### Town Plan

A discussion of the present plan and any changes for the new version was continued from earlier meetings.

### Sightings

Bald eagle along West River, fisher, lots of birds