

Meeting Minutes: Dummerston Conservation Commission

May 12, 2016, 7:00 pm

Dummerston Congregational Church parsonage

Members: John Anderson, Lynn Levine, Jane Michaud, Bill Schmidt, Betsy Whittaker

Guest: Sarah Berg

1. *April minutes.* A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as submitted.
2. *Financial statement.* The DCC account has a balance of \$5441.29, with an outstanding invoice of \$100 from bctv for the April invasives program.
3. *Town plan.* We reviewed pages 28-40 of the Natural Resources section. Sarah recorded suggested amendments to the descriptive text. Jane noted these suggested changes to DCC action steps:
Water & Wetland Resources, goal 1, policy 1.1, c: “Solicit volunteers to conduct visual surveys of streams ...”
policy 1.4, c: “Develop identification and education initiatives regarding forested dispersal corridors that connect adjacent significant pools.” (rather than “map”)
policy 1.6, b: “... by maintaining a buffer strip of natural vegetation around the wetland edge ...”
Add “Propose legislative action through the WRC.”
4. *VT Association of Conservation Commissions grant.* Lynn will use the funds to present a course on “The Art of Seeing” for fifth grade students.
5. *DCC Website.* A Contact link has been added to the website; responses will go to Betsy and Mary Ellen. Betsy plans to include John’s wildflower slideshow on the site. She will also post the bctv links to part 1 & 2 of Chris Polatin’s invasive plants program. Jane will include the links in the next newsletter update.
6. *Prospect Hill.* Jonathan Royce and his crew plan to construct a boardwalk this spring.
7. *Dutton Pines.* Cliff Adler reported after a survey of the state park that the invasives he cleared last year have not returned.
8. *Sightings*
moose, white-throated sparrow, hummingbirds

Next meeting: June 9

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Michaud