

## Dummerston Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes 6/14/18

Members attending: Bill Schmidt, Bill Johnson, Judy Fink, Betsy Whitaker, John Anderson, Lynn Levine, Mary Ellen Copeland, Ed Anthes

Others attending: Carolyn Mayo Brown

1. Minutes for the meeting of May 10, 2018, were approved as submitted. Moved by Betsy Whitaker, seconded by Lynn Levine. Unanimous.
2. A discussion on land conservation in Dummerston was held, including reports on the "Wildlands & Woodlands" talk by Spencer Meyer from the Harvard Forest and Highstead Foundation. There is a new emphasis on Regional Conservation Partnerships in New England, helping smaller groups to access expertise, funding and other resources needed for successful land conservation efforts. Further discussions will be held at future Conservation Commission Meetings.

### 3. Educational Programs

Wildflowers with John Anderson was well attended and well presented. It's available for viewing on BCTV.

August 15 Twilight Walk at Elysian Hills. 6 pm. Raindate August 16.

August 29- Ferns with Lynn Levine. Lynn's new book is The Secret Life of Ferns. There will be an evening program and also a later field walk on Sept 1.

October- VT State Archeologist, cosponsored with Dummerston Historical Society.

Other topics being considered: Monarch Butterflies, Trailbuilding

4. Prospect Pasture- on June 29, Jonathan Royce will lead a crew to clear fallen trees and invasive brush from the pasture. Volunteers are welcome. Meet at Town Office at 9 am. Contact Bill Schmidt, [elysian2@svcable.net](mailto:elysian2@svcable.net)
5. Sightings: fawns, indigo bunting, rose breasted grosbeaks, garter snakes, phoebes, wrens, lots of chipmunks, bald eagles on the Connecticut River, turkeys

Next meeting: Thursday, July 12 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Anthes