

Dummerston Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes 1/9/20

Members attending: Judy Fink, John Anderson, Mary Ellen Copeland, Ed Anthes,  
David Greenewalt, Dan Kray, Richard Mills

Others attending: John Harrison, Jesse Wampler

1. Minutes for the meeting of Dec. 12, 2019 were approved. Moved by Judy Fink, seconded by David Greenewalt. Six in favor. One abstention.
2. Individuals interested in the work of the Conservation Commission attended and Commissioners explained the recent and upcoming work of the Commission.
3. Educational Programs for Winter

December 3- Mammals in Dummerston. Kim Royer from the State Dept of Fish & Wildlife. Very well attended. After the presentation, people stayed to discuss where they have seen wildlife crossing roads, and placed their observations on the Dummerston map.

Tuesday January 14 - Jaclyn Comeau, Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department biologist, will share information about Vermont's black bears. At Dummerston Elementary School, at 7 p.m. Snow date Tuesday, January 21.

Tracking with Lynn Levine- date to be determined, depending on snow.

March- Dummerston Rivers and Streams, Marie Levesque-Caduto, Watershed Coordinator, Dept of Environmental Conservation.

April- Monarch Butterfly Monitoring and Swamp Milkweed Planting. Judy Fink will lead this Citizen Science monitoring program.

May- Spring Birds VT Center for Ecostudies

June- Monarchs and Milkweed Planting follow up.

June- Poisonous Plants

4. Town Meeting presentations will include info on the 1940's proposal to dam the West River.
5. Sightings- pileated woodpecker eating frozen crab apples, grey squirrels, coyote with porcupine quills, bald eagle at Exit 4, deer, turkeys, spiders on the snow, bluebirds, bear tracks, Great Blue Heron in Keene, opossum, racoon, porcupine, bear along Rt 5.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 13 at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Ed Anthes.