

Dummerston Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes 11/12/20

Members attending: Dan Kray, Ed Anthes, Judy Fink, Christine Goepp, David Greenewalt, Lynn Levine

**It's still too warm to put out bird feeders,  
bears are still out and active!**

1. Minutes for the meeting of October 8, 2020 were approved. Moved by Judy Fink, seconded by Lynn Levine. Unanimous.
2. The Conservation Commission funding request for Fiscal Year 2022 was submitted to the Selectboard.
3. Communications-
  - The November newsletter has been sent out and well received.
  - The Facebook site continues to be active.
  - Updates on the website will be added, including a seasonal, concluding report on the Monarch Project.
4. Over the winter, plans will be developed for continuing the Monarch Project for a second year. A preliminary discussion of possible plans for next year was held.
5. Green Mountain Camp for Girls asked for help clearing invasives around the swimming pool. Several people worked clearing plants. More work is planned for Spring.
6. Emerald Ash Borer- Training for ash surveyors, socially distanced, was held for the survey team, facilitated by Lynn Levine. Greenwood School students have begun their roadside ash surveys. Other people have also been trained and started work. Dummerston roads have been divided into 54 sections for the survey. The sooner the work is completed, the better the position Dummerston will be in to request and receive funding from the state and from GMP for removal of dying ash along the roadsides.
7. Prospect- The signs marking noteworthy sites on the trail need to be replaced. The Trail Guide will be reprinted and updated. The bridge needs one or two planks replaced.
8. Town mapping of invasives, rare plants, wetlands and other sensitive habitats near roads was discussed. Work on a map for review by the Commission will continue. The best format for the Road Crew was reported to be a map on paper.

9. The Regional Meeting of Conservation Commissions and environmental groups has not been held during Covid times. It was suggested that a Zoom meeting be held this winter, in lieu of an in-person meeting.
10. The Missing Link Trail, first phase, has been completed and is in use. For now, the 1 ½ mile trail leads to a very large ash tree. Next year, the trail will be connected to Prospect.
11. Sightings- bear scat, turkeys, foxes

Next meeting: Thursday, December 10 at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Ed Anthes