

Dummerston Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes 1/14/21

Members attending: Dan Kray, Ed Anthes, Judy Fink, Christine Goepp, Lynn Levine, Jesse Wampler, Richard Mills, John Anderson

1. Minutes for the meeting of November 12, 2020 were approved. Moved by Jesse Wampler, seconded by Dan Kray. Unanimous approval.
2. The Conservation Commission approved funding annual dues for the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissioners. Moved by Ed Anthes, second by Judy Fink. Unanimous approval.
3. A number of grants are available from the state for conservation projects. Christine Goepp and Lynn Levine will review them.
4. Ed Anthes' term on the Commission will expire this year, and there will be a vacancy to fill.
5. A discussion about an online repository for Conservation Commission documents was held. Google drive will be set up for this. It will be password protected.
6. Approval of the annual payment to the web host for the Conservation Commission site was moved by Rick Mills, seconded by John Andersen, and approved unanimously.
7. A discussion was held about reaching out to new Dummerston residents about the Conservation Commission. Other groups may be interested in joining in this outreach. The Biodiversity Inventory, written by Patti Smith, will be reviewed as a possible resource to be distributed. An update to this publication may be desirable.
8. Rick Mills suggested constructing Little Free Libraries with information on conservation and nature topics. This will be discussed further at future meetings.
9. Communications-
 - The January newsletter has been sent out and well received.
 - The Facebook site continues to be active and growing. Anyone may post on it.
10. Emerald Ash Borer- Mapping Project- work is continuing on town road ash mapping.
11. Black Mountain- the powerline trimming cut down a number of protected scrub oak trees, an S1 species. This is a scrubby, low-growing tree, that should not have been cut. The Nature Conservancy is pursuing its options.
12. Prospect Pasture Trail- Rick Mills replaced broken planks on the bridge.
13. Sightings- coyote scat; bobcat; red bellied, downy, hairy, red headed and pileated woodpeckers; porcupine; mole hills; evening grosbeaks; titmice.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 11 at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Ed Anthes