

Dummerston Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes 11/11/2021

Members attending: Christine Goepp, Lynn Levine, Jesse Wampler, John Anderson, Rick Mills, (Rich Carter)

1. Administrative
 - a. October Minutes: Motion to accept put forth by Jesse Wampler, seconded Rick Mills. Approved by consent.
 - b. Financial Report: Motion to accept put forth by Rick Mills, seconded by Jesse Wampler. Approved by unanimous consent.
 - c. A thank you note will be sent to Carol Mayo-Brown for her donation to the Commission.
 - d. New members: The commission is still looking for new members. Rich Carter attended tonight's meeting as a potential member. There are a number of other options being considered.
 - e. Members discussed the priorities of the Commission going forward. The Commission considers this a bit of an annual reset on community needs and commission goals. Emphasis will be on collective, rather than individual, action.
 - f. Jesse Wampler will not be available for next month's meeting and Rick Mills' availability will depend on new work schedule.
2. Public Outreach:
 - a. Website / email server: Dan Goepp will take care of the technology needs of the Commission on an interim basis.
 - b. Newsletter content: The process of posting and managing the newsletter will likely be a combination of work between John Anderson, Dan Kray (former member), and Dan Goepp. As part of the technology transition the processes will be ironed out.
 - c. Sightings: There is a drop in sightings as the weather turns colder. Expect increases in the Spring as the warmth arrives. John Anderson passed along information from this season's hawk tracking activities on Putney Mountain. There is a possibility of John Anderson presenting information to the public on the tracking activities shortly after the new year (see below).
 - d. Trails: The commission is working on a handover on descriptions and trail maps for the Dummerston area - a trail 'spotlight' system. Lynn Levine will continue to work on descriptions, maps will be coordinated by David Greenwalt and added to the description, and results published via various commission social media avenues. Expecting Prospect Hill to be next month's nominee.
3. Active Programs:
 - a. Covered Bridge stairs: Applications for design and implementation for the stairs is ongoing. Christine Goepp is working with stair installers on estimates moving forward. Grant writing is also in progress.

- b. Emerald Ash Borer update (Dan Kray): There will still be tracking event this weekend. Dan will send out a notice in the next day or so to clarify on which day it will happen based on weather forecasts.
 - c. Emerald Ash Borer: Jesse Wampler is looking to jump in and take over the project moving forward. He'll coordinate with Dan Kray.
4. Speakers / Seminars
- a. John Anderson may present on the 2021 Hawk Migration Project on Putney Mountain / Workshop. Christine will check with Jean Momaney on community center availability in January 2022; will coordinate for January 6 or 7, 2022 at 7pm.
 - b.** Jesse Wampler's father-in-law is also willing to present a discussion on birds; targeting February 2022.

Next meeting: Thursday, December 9th at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Todd Davidson