

Dummerston Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes 4/14/2022

Members attending: Christine Goepp, Lynn Levine, John Anderson, David Greenwalt, Amy Wall, Jesse Wagner

- Administrative
  - Officially welcomed new members: Jesse Wagner and Emily Alexander (Emily not present this meeting).
  - Financial Report and March Minutes: **Motion to accept both put forth by Amy Wall; Lynn Levine seconded. Approved by unanimous consent.**
- Public Outreach:
  - Spring Views - John Anderson forwarded material to The Views.
  - Website - Emily Alexander has taken over management for the commission. Expecting an update on activities next month.
  - School outdoor area support - Jesse Wagner delivered the commission support letter for the school. Results positive.
  - Dummerston sightings - With Spring, the sightings are picking up.
  - Facebook - Posting continues with Lynn Levine, as well as the current newsletter.
  - Connecticut River Joint Commission Wantastiquet (CRJC/W) - WRC reached out to see if the commission knew of anyone who might be interested in representing Dummerston on the CRJC/W. The commission will work with the Selectboard as needed.
  - Trail of the Month: The Scott Farm trail/s will be the May entry. It should be a great time for the peepers. Expectation is that June will be the Dummerston portion of the Missing Link trail.
- Active Programs:
  - Land Stewardship:
    - Covered bridge steps - WRC reports that the deadline for design grants was Monday and decision meetings were taking place this week. They received at least one proposal for the work. Updates to follow. The grant for design is already approved. No action items for the commission at this point as WRC is leading the way.
  - BEEC Support
    - CY2022 school support request is \$575. Commission discussed BEEC work. **Motion to accept contribution amount put forth by Amy Wall; seconded by Lynn Levine. Agreed by unanimous consent. Contribution will be forwarded.**
  - Speakers / Seminars / Events
    - The Commission hosted the bluebird birdhouse workshop on March 19th. Attendance was great with plenty of materials were on hand.
    - Future events - The April event is planned to be Mike Clough (raptors) at the Dummerston School on April 29th at 6pm. Cost will be \$250. **Motion to pay**

**Mike Clough put forth by Amy Wall; seconded by Lynn Levine. Approved by unanimous consent. Payment request will be forwarded.**

- May 2022 event is under discussion. The commission may limit paid speakers to every other month and fill the gaps with other options. Lynn Levine may do a workshop for the town (possibly a fern walk). Dates and time to be determined.
  
- Sightings: John Anderson reports myriad Spring plants and flowers are in bloom and showing up, lots of painted turtles in the Retreat Meadows. Lynn Levine reports that ferns are coming up!

Next meeting: Thursday, March 12th at 6 pm, location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted, Todd Davidson