

Dummerston Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes 6/16/2022

Members attending: Christine Goepp, Lynn Levine, John Anderson, Jesse Wagner, Emily Alexander

- Administrative
  - May Minutes: **Motion to accept put forth by Lynn Levine; Jesse Wagner seconded. Approved by unanimous consent.**
  - **Financial report acceptance tabled** until we get word from Amy Wall on BEEC payment.
- Programs
  - Newsletter / Trail of the month - Commission to coordinate with Mary Ellen Copeland about doing Deer Run for this month
  - Website - Emily Alexander has a test version / basic layout of the new commission website. The commission will gather additional administrative data (bios, photos, etc.) for site population. We will begin to gather and database photos and material for long-term needs. A subset of members will move forward with ideas, design, and development. Additionally, Emily will work to create the ability to process inputs on the website and then onward to other social media locations. Commission will work toward choosing a logo.
  - ARPA input/s (due July 20th) - No further inputs as measured against the agenda. Further considerations and write-ups will take place over the next five weeks.
  - Conservation Stations - The two newest stations are complete. Christine Goepp will work to modify with plexiglass and signage. For the existing station there is a need to create a more permanent base. Jesse will work on getting some posts and developing a plan. The commission may have a workday to improve the station.
  - Land Stewardship
    - Rain Garden - The commission will plan a future workday, as well as getting a soil sample analyzed. Christine Goepp to identify and plot existing plantings. Interpretive signage needs expanding/updating.
    - Steps by Covered Bridge - There is an upcoming meeting July 5th at 1100am at the Covered Bridge with WNRDC rep and environmental designer. Selectboard has been notified and invited to attend.
    - Maple Valley - Christine Goepp reported on recent developments. The Conservation Commission has not submitted any pleadings.
  - Speakers / Seminars / Events
    - Emily asked if there are any farms nearby doing regenerative farming. We will look into local farms to see if a possibility of a panel event to discuss. Maybe a 'get to know your farmers' event for Dummerston residents to attend. A number of local/area farms are potential candidates for participation.

- John to conduct a limited attendance wildflower talk on Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Lynn and Christine will help publicize and schedule community center.
- Sightings: Black Mountain laurel is in bloom. Everything is living it up around town; not too wet, little mold.

Next meeting: Thursday, July 14th at 6 pm, location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted, Todd Davidson