

Dummerston Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes 12/7/2022

Members attending: Christine Goepp, John Anderson, Lynn Levine, Jesse Wagner, David Greenewalt, and Rick Mills

- Administrative
 - Financial Report: Reviewed. **John Anderson motions to accept; Jesse Wagner seconds. Unanimous consent.** Small outlays for copies for town picnic and annual subscription for website hosting.
 - October minutes: Reviewed. **John Anderson motions to accept; Jesse Wagner seconds. Unanimous consent.**
- Programs
 - Newsletter / Trail of the month - Newsletter has been released. Next speaker announcement will be included in the next newsletter (see below). The annual trail summary will also be included in the January edition. Lynn Levine plans to include some writings and education on tracks and/or scat as the snow season approaches.
 - Website - The commission spent time in person to review the new site and provide comments.
 - Invasives control - No updates due to onset of winter.
 - Town Plan (2023) - David Greenewalt will revisit sections that the commission was on tab to review, edit, submit changes if needed. A short advocacy piece on conserving land/views in Dummerston may be submitted to the selectboard/development review board (DRB) in the near future.
 - Facebook - No updates.
 - Conservation stations - Coordination continues and Rick Mills will work with the town office/boards on placement. Jesse Wagner will be attempting to repurpose the 'box' near the covered bridge - plan is for it to become another conservation station.
 - Land Stewardship
 - Maple Valley - The owner is appealing the ANR decision/judgement.
 - Steps by covered bridge - The commission will reach out and ensure that all steps/requirement/needs are completed for both the design and implementation grants.
 - Speakers / Seminars / Events - The suggested option of looking at the issue of old growth forest and current use permits in Vermont will be the event presented by Sam Schneski (county forester) in February. There may also be a tracking workshop with Lynn Levine in February. Plans are in the works for a native plants event in March.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 12th (2023!) at 6 pm at the Town Office

Respectfully submitted, Todd Davidson