

Dummerston Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes 1/12/2023

Members attending: Christine Goepp, John Anderson, Lynn Levine, Jesse Wagner, and Amy Wall.

- Administrative
 - December 2022 minutes: Reviewed. **Lynn Levine motions to accept; John Anderson seconds. Unanimous consent.**
- Dummerston Conservation Commission Programs
 - Newsletter / Trail of the month - Planning to start a series on interesting sites and places in Dummerston.
 - Website - Website is really getting populated. Will address any tweaks or changes at the next meeting.
 - Work on trail booklet is ongoing. Plan is to print out a small batch when ready.
 - Invasives control - No updates.
 - Town Plan (2023) - No updates.
 - Facebook - No updates.
 - Conservation stations - No updates.
 - Land Stewardship
 - Steps by covered bridge - The commission discussed the Selectboard vote regarding permitting applications. Concerns that are holding up the approval (based on a 2-2 vote) is based on liability for the town. The commission plans to write a letter to request a Selectboard meeting to address issues and answer questions. Christine Goepp will draft letter and circulate. **Amy Wall moves to draft letter; Lynn Levine seconds; unanimous approval.**
 - Maple Valley - Nothing to report.
 - Middle Road development - The land near the fire pond has been purchased and it appears development is in progress. The Commission has some concerns about wetland protection. ANR has visited the site and will process a report on the land.
- Speakers
 - Mask/vaccine for public events: Given the ongoing presence of COVID-19, the commission will require mask wearing for upcoming events but not vaccination records.
 - Schneski flyers are being wrapped up for February 1st event at 6pm at the community center. There will be a secondary sponsor for the event: Windham Regional Woodlands Association (WRMA).
 - Next Speaker: On Friday, March 24th, Fred Homer, who specializes in owl/avian rescue will be presenting at the Community Center at 6pm. Lynn is communicating with the Rich Earth Institute for an April event. Looking forward to a native plant presentation in May.

- **Sightings:** Snow buntings, bluebirds, house sparrows. John says a bobcat is apparently hanging around near his bird feeder.

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