

Dummerston Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes 2/9/2023

Members attending: Christine Goepf, John Anderson, Lynn Levine, Jesse Wagner, David Greenewalt, Rick Mills, Amy Wall, Jesse Wagner, and Emily Alexander

- Administrative
 - Financial Report: Reviewed. **Amy Wall motions to accept; Rick Mills seconds. Unanimous consent.**
 - October minutes: Reviewed. **Amy Wall motions to accept; Rick Mills seconds. Unanimous consent.**
- Programs
 - Newsletter / Local spots of interest - Summary of last presentation on land stewardship summarized. John Anderson's nature notes included. Looking for local spots of interest to publicize over Winter. Lynn Levine will look into some tracking training items.
 - Website - Emily reviewed the new site in meeting. Only outstanding items are to link newsletters and archive older issues. The site is up and fully functional.
 - Trail booklets - No updates.
 - Invasives control - No updates.
 - Town Plan (2023) - Commission will begin process of review for areas of responsibility and any other avenues where comment or assistance is needed. Discussion about local land, conservation, and stewardship. Can it fit into the town plan? A subcommittee may be formed to work the line items in the current plan and determine inputs for the future plan. Christine will contact the Planning Commission for deadlines.
 - Facebook - No updates.
 - Conservation stations - Still planning to have one at the town center. Rick Mills will consult with the town office about placement and approval.
 - Land Stewardship
 - Maple Valley - No updates.
 - Steps by covered bridge - No update from last month's minutes.
 - Middle Road development - Jesse Wagner is following up on land development near the fire pond.
 - Speakers / Seminars / Events - **Fred Homer and Ron Speck** will speak on March 24th at 6pm at the Community Center in West Dummerston. Rick Mills suggests a possible convention of local conservation commission to exchange ideas that have been successful and other ongoing efforts.
- Sightings
 - Owls, bobcats, oh my. John says the robins are showing their population - they seem a bit early. Lynn reports being able to track red fox mating trails.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 9th at 6 pm at the Town Office

Respectfully submitted, Todd Davidson