

Dummerston Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes 3/9/2023

Members attending: Christine Goepp, John Anderson, Jesse Wagner, David Greenewalt, Rick Mills, and Amy Wall

- Administrative
 - Financial Report: Reviewed. **Rick Mills motions to accept; Jesse Wagner seconds. Unanimous consent.**
 - October minutes: Reviewed. **Rick Mills motions to accept; Jesse Wagner seconds. Unanimous consent.**
- Programs
 - Newsletter / Local spots of interest - All the past years' newsletters have been linked to the new website. As for content, the commission is looking for bits, observations, and etc., that can be used on future newsletters.
 - Website - See above; newsletters.
 - Trail booklets - Original text for each trail will need to be pared down to fit within the confines of the booklet.
 - Invasives control - There is an Invasives Control Day initiative afoot at the state level. The commission will draft up support. **Amy Wall motions to accept; Rick Mills seconds. Unanimous consent.**
 - Town Plan (2023) - Christine Goepp presented excerpts from existing Town Plan that mention the commission. As an initial foray into planning and/or managing of future inputs the commission will review each item and provide inputs in the near future. The commission will reach out to determine responsibilities and dates for the next Plan.
 - Ridgeline Overlay - The commission is contacting myriad regional and town contacts concerning ridgeline overlays. Attempts at learning the current plans and policies in place, and determining if an overlay for Dummerston might make sense, is the goal.
 - Facebook - No updates.
 - Conservation stations - Rick coordinated with the Town Office and will bring the station for inspection to determine if it's possible to install. More to follow.
 - Land Stewardship
 - Maple Valley - No updates.
 - Steps by covered bridge - The commission has requested that the Selectboard add an item to discuss and vote on the permit application.
 - Middle Road development - No updates.
 - Speakers / Seminars / Events - Fred Homer and Ron Svec will speak on March 24th at 6pm at the Community Center in West Dummerston (birds). **Amy Wall motions to purchase a commission projector for events; seconded by John Anderson. Unanimous consent.** Next event for April is currently being discussed.
- Sightings

- John reports he had a bobcat hunting turkeys in his yard. Jesse has a red-shouldered hawk lurking near his house. Redwing blackbirds are back.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 13th at 6 pm at the Town Office

Respectfully submitted, Todd Davidson