

Dummerston Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes 5/11/2023

Members attending: Christine Goepf, John Anderson, David Greenewalt, Rick Mills, and Amy Wall

- Administrative
 - March minutes: Reviewed. **Lynn Levine motions to accept; John Anderson seconds. Unanimous consent**
- Programs
 - Newsletter / Local spots of interest - Newsletter for the month is published. John Anderson contributed content. For next newsletter the commission is working on content; Lynn Levine is working on the possibility of covering the beech tree/flowering explosion this year. John Anderson may provide inputs on seasonal chipmunk activities. Question was raised of whether newsletter can accommodate video clips (trail cam section).
 - Website - Still up and operating. Inputs will be sent to site manager. There will be housekeeping efforts on archive items and files.
 - Trail booklets - Original text for each trail will need to be pared down to fit within the confines of the booklet.
 - Invasives control - See Land Stewardship below (Prospect Hill).
 - Town Plan (2023) - See Ridgeline Overlay below.
 - Ridgeline Overlay - Commission continued reviewing the ridgeline overlay and protection ideas. David Greenewalt presented new background and ideas for Dummerston.
 - Facebook - No updates.
 - Conservation stations - New sign for station in hand. The commission will coordinate with the town office on a possible station at/near the office.
 - Land Stewardship
 - Maple Valley - Act 250 appeal to be determined this week. Updates expected by next meeting.
 - Prospect Hill - The commission is working towards another possible invasive clearing workday/s this Spring. Will coordinate with Prospect Hill trustees.
 - Speakers / Seminars / Events - For June there is a suggestion of a program on bats. Following by bugs in July. Also, considering a meeting or get together of regional conservation commissions to discuss successes, failures, and other issues. Christine will contact Margo Ghia to kick things off.

Next meeting: Thursday, June 8th at 6 pm at the Town Office

Respectfully submitted, Todd Davidson