

Dummerston Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes 10/12/2023

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

- Administration
 - July meeting minutes: Reviewed. **Rick Mills motions to accept; Jesse Wagner seconds. Unanimous consent.**
 - Financial report: Town money has been deposited to the commission account. **Rick Mills motions to accept; John Anderson seconds. Unanimous consent.**
- Programs
 - BEEC donation - BEEC is asking for \$650 donation to fund the program moving forward for this school year. **Rick Mills motions to contribute money for 2023/24 school year; Jesse Wagner seconds. Unanimous consent.** Amy Wall will notify BEEC.
 - CT River Conservancy presentation - There is a request for the conservancy to meet with the commission about area dams/hydro facilities, authorization, licenses, and etc along the Connecticut river. Discussion led to a decision to have them present issues and information at next month's commission meeting. The Commission will determine which town residents border the Connecticut. **Lynn Levine motions to invite the conservancy; Jesse Wagner seconds. Four votes for; one abstention (Rick Mills).**
 - Newsletter, photos, articles - Newsletter has been published. Photos and words for future issues will be input from members, as needed.
 - Website - Nothing to report
 - Invasive control / Prospect access - There is a path up the mountain from near the Grange area that might allow access for equipment to work the invasives at the summit. Rick Mills and others will do a site visit to determine accessibility.
 - Ridgeline Overlay - Nothing to report.
 - Facebook - Nothing to report.
 - Conservation stations - Nothing to report.
 - Land Stewardship
 - Implementation grant application for the covered bridge steps is submitted.
 - Speakers / Seminars / Events - Roger Haydock may be lined up to talk about trails in November. The commission may see if an expert from the state is willing to discuss the ANR permitting process. There are at least four other options for future speakers (Rich Earth Institute, invasives, et al). John Anderson has created a new podcast through Happy Vermont about Putney Mountain.
 - New business: Rick Mills presented the idea of submitting a small payment to the Grange for use of the hall last month and possible for future meetings.

**Rick Mills motions to support the Grange through a donation of \$50;
John Anderson seconds. Unanimous consent.**

- Sightings
 - Jesse was up Peak Mountain near Townshend hiking and reports the hard way climb is quite serious. Top is covered with cedars.

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

Respectfully submitted, Todd Davidson