

Dummerston Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes 11/9/2023

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

- Administration
 - October meeting minutes: Reviewed. **Rick Mills motions to accept; Jesse Wagner seconds. Unanimous consent.**
 - Financial report: **Lynn Levine motions to accept; Rick Mills. Unanimous consent.**
- Programs
 - BEEC donation - BEEC donation was approved for payment during the November 1, 2023 (warrant 9) selectboard meeting, Amy will follow up
 - CT River Conservancy presentation - We have not heard back on presentation date from the Conservancy.
 - Newsletter, photos, articles - Newsletter published. Considering an article on Holiday tree recycling and environmental impacts.
 - Website - Everything updated and current.
 - Invasive control / Prospect access – Rick and Lynn to visit site with landowner to determine feasibility of machine access for invasives control.
 - Ridgeline Overlay - Nothing to report.
 - Facebook – Planning initiative to invite people to share their trail cam videos
 - Conservation stations – Rick will reach out to town office staff about preferred placement
 - Land Stewardship
 - Covered bridge steps - An article on the steps at the covered bridge project published in the Reformer on Nov 8th, 2023.
 - Speakers / Seminars / Events - Rich Earth Institute event will be on Friday, Nov 30th at 6pm the Dummerston Community Center in West Dummerston. Andrew Morrison (forester) has agreed to a future event. Will contact ANR staff and Roger Haydock about possible future talks.
 - New business: Donation to the Grange also approved in warrant 9 at the November 1, 2023 selectboard meeting. Next Wednesday, November 15th, is the NRCD meeting in Wilmington. Rick Mills may attend.
- Sightings
 - Lynn reports lots and lots of turkeys and pine cones. John report snow buntings in the area. Jesse identified a new tree cricket.

Next meeting: Thursday, December 14th at 6 pm at the Town Office

Respectfully submitted, Todd Davidson