

Dummerston Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes 4/11/2024

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

Public/potential members: Phil Goepp and Bill Conley

- Administration
 - March meeting minutes: Reviewed. **Lynn Levine motions to accept; David Greenewalt seconds. Unanimous consent.**
- Financial report: no new actions.
- Programs
 - AVCC Tiny Grant for Dummerston School Fence - activity will not occur as planned and the grant doesn't fit into the vision.
 - CT River Conservancy - Christine and Jesse will continue to track and provide updates as needed to agencies.
 - Newsletter, photos, articles - Newsletter published. Christine will write next DCC article for the Views, with John contributing. After that, Jesse and Lynn will take the lead.
 - Website / Newsletter - Working through the process of a handoff and training for the Commission's website. Phil Goepp has volunteered to manage the website through Squarespace.
 - Prospect Hill management - There is a three-step plan in work to reinvigorate the management and board of trustees. The Commission plans to contact the current trustees (five volunteers plus the selectboard) requesting new volunteer members for the board). **Jess Wagner motions to submit a letter to the board; David Greenewalt seconds. Unanimous consent.** Initial letter on plan will be submitted before the next selectboard meeting. Members of the Prospect Hill Board and Conservation Commission will reconnoiter the site at 11:15 on April 28, meeting at the Town Office and hiking up to the trailhead.
 - Facebook - Nothing to report.
 - Logo - The commission reviewed the logo created by David Greenewalt and all agree on its quality.
 - Trail map / booklet- Finalizing a tenth trail before completion. Christine will make some changes and get it back to David for final review and binding.
 - Covered bridge steps - Request for proposal has been issued by WCNRCD.
 - Speakers / Seminars / Events - Load of ideas as the weather warms. Lynn will contact Jonathan Royce and Bob Everingham about a talk on tree management from the arborist and forester perspectives. Jesse will contact Jenny at Marlboro college about a possible talk. Lynn can do a fern walk in June. Bill will ask the State botanist, Grace Glynn, about a possible talk in August. Christine will put current use informational outreach on agenda for

next meeting—DCC considering providing information to qualified landowners. Christine will also reach out to Andrew Morrison about a talk on invasives.

- Sightings - sandpipers on Middle Road after the last snow storm, a peregrine hanging about the quarry, Woodcocks on Middle Road!

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

Respectfully submitted, Todd Davidson