

Dummerston Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes 5/9/2024

Members attending: Christine Goepp (Chair), John Anderson, Lynn Levine, Jesse Wagner, and David Greenewalt

- Administration
 - Financial report - Received from town treasurer. **Jesse Wagner motions to accept; Lynn Levine seconds. Unanimous consent.**
 - April meeting minutes - Reviewed. **Lynn Levine motions to accept; Jesse Wagner seconds. Unanimous consent.**
 - Welcome to prospective members and the public: Ron Svec, Bill Connelly, Lew Teich (member candidates), Mary Freihofner, Phil Goepp, Debbie Miller (public attendees)
- Programs
 - CT River Conservancy – Jesse Wagner reported on the highlights of comments he filed on behalf of the DCC/town in the FERC dam relicensing proceeding. Dam owners have made agreements with advocacy groups on natural rate of flow through the dams and other environmental issues.
 - Views of Dummerston - Due Jun 8th. Jesse Wagner will provide the commission's input; John Anderson will provide a nature note input for the end of the article.
 - Mary Freihofner - Interest in local land conservation situation and particular needs. Interest in volunteering to help with land management as she works on a graduate degree. Christine to forward her contact information for Mary Ellen Copeland and Carolyn Mayo Brown.
 - Newsletter, photos, articles - Articles for next month are in works. Lynn on fern identification, Jesse may do nature observation piece.
 - Logo – Commission approved logo created by David. Plan to create a small run of thank you cards.
 - Website - Handoff of website is in progress. Christine will provide password information to Phil.
 - Prospect Hill management - Commission members now hold the five public seats on the ten-person board of trustees: Christine Goepp, Rick Mills, Jesse Wagner, David Greenewalt, and Lynn Levine. The trustee board will work towards invasive control and view management.
 - Trails - The commission trailbook is near completion. Final review will take place across the commission. A separate article / box will be added to submission for Views of Dummerston. How to publish and distribute the guidebook is under discussion. Lew will ask Lotus Graphics if they could do a small run to provide copies to public locations in Dummerston. David will distribute PDF for final review by members and then provide to Lew.
 - Covered bridge steps - Request for proposal is on the street. There was an onsite visit in April 2024.
 - Speakers / Seminars / Events - Bob Everingham will be speaking about tree stewardship for homeowners. The current plan is for Thursday, Jun 6th at 7

pm at the community center. Lynn will confirm, Christine will contact Randy. Lynn Levine is tentatively planning to do a fern walk the weekend of July 13th/14th, 10 am, more details to follow. Mary will ask Simon at Scott Farm about speaking in June or July on orcharding.

- Sightings - John got a trailcam shot of the moose! Bears on Stickney Brook!

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