

Dummerston Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes 6/13/2024

Members attending: John Anderson, Lynn Levine, Bill Conley, Lew Teich, Rick Mills, Jesse Wagner, David Greenewalt, and Ron Svec

Members absent: Christine Goepp (Chair)

Public Attendees: Phil Goepp

- Administration
 - May meeting minutes - Reviewed. **Rick Mills motions to accept; Jesse Wagner seconds. Unanimous consent.**
 - Lynn Levine read a tribute to John Anderson to mark the end of his 18 years serving Dummerston as a member of the Conservation Commission.
- Programs
 - Views of Dummerston/newsletter - Article is complete and submitted for the next issue. June newsletter is published.
 - Logo/stationary - There may be an adjustment needed to the commission logo for newsletter usage. The logo is getting cropped in newsletter publication. David Greenewalt will step in and work the issue.
 - Website/Facebook - Update both locations for upcoming speakers and/or events (see below).
 - Prospect Hill management - John Anderson wants to make sure that future steps are effective and repetitive in future. Rick Mills will be meeting with Lee Chamberlin on Monday, June 17th to assess if there is a viable passage for any equipment or machinery to the summit. Rick will report on findings.
 - Trail book - There is a copy at the town office letting people know how to get access (softcopy) and/or hardcopy. Based on demand, a future decision will be made on publishing, printing, costs, etc. Lew Teich says he has a quote to print copies, as needed, for less than \$5 to supply the town office, conservation stations, library, and a few other locations. **Bill Conley made a motion to commit \$50 of commission funds to print 10 copies; motion seconded by Jesse Wagner. Unanimous consent.**
 - Covered bridge steps - Full work is in. Expectation is that they will be done by the end of June.
 - Speakers/Seminars/Events - On June 28th at 7pm at the Grange, Bob Everingham will be speaking about tree stewardship for homeowners. Lynn Levine will be doing a walking fern event on July 13th with a rain date on the 14th, and another event on forest immersion in August. September plans are for Judy Fink to come speak on monarch butterflies. More details to follow. There is a possibility of a talks/events in summer that are being worked.
- Sightings - Lots of turtles crossing roads. A pair of ospreys along the West river near the Marina restaurant. Jesse reports hearing a yellow-billed cuckoo, as well as a strong brook trout population in Dummerston's waters.
 - Next meeting: Thursday, July 11th at 6 pm at the Town Office

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