

Dummerston Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes 8/8/2024

Members attending: Lew Teich, Jesse Wagner, Christine Goepp, Ron Svec, Lynn Levine, David Greenewalt

Public attendees: Phil Goepp

- Administration
 - **Financial report** - No statement received of late.
 - **July meeting minutes** - Reviewed. **Lew Teich motions to accept; Jesse Wagner seconds. Unanimous consent**, Ron Svec abstaining.
- **Programs**
 - **Views of Dummerston/newsletter** - Newsletter was published today. Consideration of publicizing newsletter in the Views, **Phil Goepp** to check with Views editors on feasibility.
 - **Logo/stationary** - New logo for newsletter works well. Consider this item complete. Thanks David Greenewalt!
 - **Website/Facebook** - Work continues on the website. **Phil Goepp** will check on how to link BCTV videos and upload trail booklet to website. **Christine Goepp** will link trail booklet on Facebook as soon as it is available on DCC website.
 - **Prospect Hill management** - Commission is reviewing the Prospect Hill folder for more details on the last time there was work done on the hill (2019) to align past work efforts with forthcoming work. Information and ideas will be forwarded/brought to the board of trustees.
 - **Trail book** - David Greenewalt brought copies of the completed trail books. **Christine Goepp** will send invoice to the town treasurer. Copies will be provided for talks and possibly at the town office. **David Greenewalt** will take care of printing process and send PDF to Phil Goepp to put online at the commission web site. **Ron Svec makes a motion to print 20 more copies for \$100. Lew Teich seconds. Unanimous consent.**
 - **Covered bridge steps** - Operations and maintenance (O&M) document has been drawn up and reviewed with commission members. **Lew Teich moves to formally adopt and sign the agreement. Ron Svec seconds. Unanimous consent.** **Christine Goepp** will sign and send agreement to the Selectboard for their signature. The contractor has a few items to complete before final (grant) payment. Jordan and Cory will add sign at the top, DCC will add trash sign at the bottom. Drainage on the Route 30 side will be improved. The Commission has set a work day for August 31st from 10am to 2pm, with a rain date of Sept. 1, led by **Lew Teich**. Members will add uprights to the handrail, sand the handrail, remove invasives, check for native sensitive pea plants, and

carry out any other work as time permits. **Todd Davidson** will bring sandwiches and lemonade at 12pm.

- **Speakers/Seminars/Events** - Nothing scheduled for August as many will be out of town. Judy Fink will speak in September on monarch butterflies. **Lynn Levine** will contact Andrew Morrison about invasives talk. **Jesse Wagner** will contact mushroom forager guy. Ideas floated for winter talks include bears and tracking. Reminder to ask how people found out about talks during introduction.
- Sightings - Sick fox. Nighthawk. Bats.
 - Next meeting: Thursday, September 12th at 6pm at the Town Office

Respectfully submitted, Todd Davidson