

Dummerston Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes 3/13/2025

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

Not attending: None

Public attendees: Phil Goepp

Called to order: 6:05pm

- Administration:
 - Financial report - Not reviewed
 - January meeting minutes - Reviewed. **Jesse Wagner motions to accept; Lew Teich seconds. Unanimous consent**
- Jennifer Garrett from Vermont Land Trust presented on the functions of the VLT, provided copy of slides to Conservation Commission members for reference
- Programs:
 - Newsletter—Summary of Ron's bluebird talk to be included with next newsletter, Jesse will seek permission from Alex Wilson to also include dead deer photos. Roger Haydock eagle photos?
 - Views—Bill will draft a summary of Jennifer's presentation for the Views, possibly adding on something about bluebirds
 - Website, Facebook—Phil Goepp urged members to ponder website design in terms of priorities, maintenance, optimal location for key pieces of information using normalization of content principles.
 - Booklets—trails, invasives. Todd Davidson will place trail booklet at town office.
 - Covered bridge steps—repair needed per Jesse Wagner
 - Land stewardship—invasives removal, native landscaping at Town Office discussed. Also Prospect potluck picnic event when weather turns nice (Lew to organize).
 - Speakers/events—\$50 standard payment to venues (Grange, Community Center) approved, **Lew Teich motions to accept, Bill Conley seconds. Unanimous consent.** Ideas for future events floated: Ethan Tapper (Lynn will contact), Jim Andrews and Hailey from Vermont River Conservancy (Ron Svec will contact).
 - Conservation goals—integrating town land management with stewardship goals, reaching out for suggestions about opportunities/focus areas in Dummerston (Andrew, Vern, Cory, Ben, etc. from Garrett slides). Asking people what would be good next steps. Check Vermont Conservation Design, an online conservation metrics/mapping tool. Emphasis on contiguous tracts.
- Sightings: Woodcock, black buzzards, eagles, peregrine falcons, red-tailed hawks, owls

Adjourned: 8:30

- Next meeting: Thursday, April 10 at 6pm at the Town Office

Respectfully submitted, Todd Davidson

To Do List:

- David/Christine - coord on financial report format with Chris Brown
- Christine - research on "conservation fund"
- Bill Conley - set up visitor for the March meeting
- Christine - land conservation fact sheet