

Dummerston Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes 7/10/2025

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

Public attendees: Phil Goepp, Hayley Kolding (VRC), Monica Gildea

Called to order: 6:04pm

- Administration:
 - Financial report – **Motion to accept by Jesse Wagner, seconded by Lew Teich. Unanimous consent.**
 - June meeting minutes – **Motion to accept by Ron Svec, seconded by Jesse Wagner. Unanimous consent.**
 - Hayley Kolding of the Vermont River Conservancy (VRC) joined the meeting to discuss VRC efforts.
- Programs:
 - Views of Dummerston / newsletter – Newsletter is published. Bill will write summary of Hayley's visit for the August newsletter. David will do the "What I'm Reading" piece.
 - Trail book – Commission box is stocked at the town office.
 - Website / Facebook – Website (SquareSpace) and Mailchimp aren't connecting so the issue is being worked for subscribers.
 - Prospect Hill / Covered bridge rain garden – An alternative trail has developed down to the river. The Commission will work to avoid the erosive effect. Christine will contact Bill McKim about knotweed removal techniques.
 - Conservation goals: see VRC/Kolding meeting above.
 - Conservation stations – Lew Teich and team will install the newest station at the Town Office in near future. Bill will reach out to Lydia Pratt library about having a small conservation collection there.
 - Speakers / Events – Ron will ask Alex Wilson about trail cam talk. Hayley Kolding can do a talk on local hydrology in March. Lynn will ask Jim Andrews about doing a reptiles and amphibians walk.
- Sightings: Robin's nest and family. Jumping worms. Tussock moth.

Adjourned: 8:05pm

- Next meeting (tentative): Thursday, Aug 21st at 6pm at the Town Office

Respectfully submitted, Todd Davidson
