

Dummerston Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes 1/8/2026

Members attending: Jesse Wagner, Ron Svec, Bill Conley, David Greenewalt, Lynn Levine

Public attendees: Phil Goepf

Called to order: 6:08 pm

- Administration:
 - Financial report – No report this month to review.
 - December 2025 meeting minutes – **Motion to accept by Ron Svec, seconded by Lynn Levine. Unanimous consent.**
- New Initiatives:
 - Wetlands comments for ANR written by Jesse. Reviewed by commission. **Motion to endorse comments by Bill Conley; seconded by Ron Svec. Unanimous consent.**
 - Library conservation collection – Nothing new to report.
 - Connecticut River – Nothing anticipated until Spring/Autumn 2026. Will contact Putney Rowing Club to assist in any conservation actions in the future. Consideration towards possibly building osprey nests near the river.
 - Dark Sky Vermont – Nothing to report.
- Programs:
 - Speakers / Events – Knot workshop on January 24th at 4pm at Dummerston Community Center; RSVPs requested. Jim Andrews (reptiles and amphibians) will speak in mid-April; details to follow. Ron will follow up with Jim regarding whether talk will be kid-focused and if so, whether spring break would be a good time. Ethan Tapper is still being discussed, possibly in conjunction with other towns. Bill Conley suggests a few options for future funding towards conservation efforts.
 - Bonnyvale contribution – Awaiting warrant payment from town. Ron will contact Michelle regarding a possible DCC visit to Bonnyvale.
 - Views article – Submitted by Bill Conley.
 - Town report—submitted by Christine Goepf
 - Newsletter – Monthly is published.
 - Website – New members.
 - Trail book – Commission box will be re-stocked at the town office.
 - Invasive booklet – Nothing to report/available soon.
- Sighting: Christine with a long-tailed weasel under the bed! Jesse with a paper wasp nest ON a lightbulb.

Adjourned: 7:46pm

- Next meeting: Thursday, Feb 12th at 6pm at the Town Office

Respectfully submitted, Todd Davidson
