

Dummerston Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes 4/9/2026

Members attending: Jesse Wagner, Ron Svec, Bill Conley, David Greenewalt, Lynn Levine  
Public attendees: Phil Goepf (technical consultant), Jon McCann, Paula Marks (both DarkSky Vermont)

Called to order: 6:04 pm

- Administration:
  - Financial report – No report this month to review.
  - Meeting minutes—No minutes this month to review
- New Initiatives:
  - Dark Sky Vermont – Jon and Paula presented on DarkSky Vermont and handed out materials. DCC members will consider what steps to take to help preserve dark skies. Informative and inspirational discussion.
  - Library conservation collection – Debbie will stop by the Library and see if the new management is amenable to the conservation collection curated by the DCC.
  - Vermont Conservation Plan—Ron and Debbie working on a pamphlet on how to conserve land
  - Stickney Brook spring—Jesse will email to report that the DCC lacks the expertise or jurisdiction to manage this spring
  - Connecticut River – Nothing anticipated until Spring/Autumn 2026.
  - Trail maintenance—Prospect Hike to be planned to identify any maintenance needs
  - Liaising and keeping up with conservation-related topics in town. Lynn will monitor Selectboard minutes for relevant developments, Debbie will check [town plan?], Christine on DRB and other CC updates. Christine to schedule meeting with Planning Commission, also will ask Lee about where animals are getting hit the most for corridor identification.
- Programs:
  - Speakers / Events – Jim Andrews to speak at 7pm on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Community Center. Ron will host and lay out literature, donation box. Lynn will provide literature on tick safety. Others will support set up. Ron will get \$300 invoice so Christine can submit for warrant.
  - Views article – Submitted by Christine
  - Newsletter – Debbie will do piece on Leave that Snag.
  - Website – Working well
  - Trail book – David will get 20 more copies from Lotus and send invoice to Christine for payment warrant.
  - Invasive booklet – All have been taken! Ron has ordered 50 more from CNS, will stock, get invoice, send to Christine. Jesse will get another acrylic box.

Adjourned: 7:46pm

- Next meeting: Thursday, May 14 at 6pm at the Town Office

Respectfully submitted, Christine Goepf

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