

Dummerston Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes 7/9/2026

Members attending: Christine Goepp (Chair), Bill Conley, David Greenewalt, Lynn Levine, Debbie Miller, Ron Svec

Called to order: 6:00 pm

- Administration:
 - Financial report – Motion to approve by Lew Teich, seconded by Ron Svec, unanimously approved
 - Previous meeting minutes – Motion to approve by Debbie Miller, seconded by Bill Conley, unanimously approved
- New Initiatives:
 - Land Conservation / Vermont Conservation Plan – Determined on July 16 at 6pm at the Town Office as a good time to meet with Bill Schmidt to talk about land conservation.
 - Library—Bill will put book and signs at the library, Christine will create promo sheet.
 - Liaising with Selectboard and Planning Commission—Debbie will join next Planning Commission meeting. Discussed Selectboard feedback on graffiti at covered bridge. No action needed at this time.
 - Logging—General consensus that Commons article on logging on Black Mountain Road not complete picture. Bill will reach out to Andrew Morrison for more information to present to community. Idea floated of logging pamphlet for landowners.
 - Views Article—Lynn and Bill will co-author next article on logging best practices for landowners, including aesthetic considerations, independence of forester, resale value, etc.
 - Prospect Hill—Christine will set a meeting of the PHBT and schedule a hike for early weekend morning
 - Covered Bridge Steps—Work day held to remove invasive plants and tidy up. Much poison ivy noted. Lew will put up signs for poison ivy identification, trash in/trash out, and all welcome. Bill will check on water safety/bacteria counts.
- Programs:
 - Speakers / Events—Debbie will reach out to Coverts people. Christine will include special thanks in August newsletter to people who haven't mowed their fields yet.
 - Newsletter—July newsletter is published. Lynn will write blurb on beech mosaic disease for next newsletter, focusing on identification, how to save special trees, availability of forester opinion if tree infected.

- Website / email listing—Phil will add links to Ethan Tapper videos and Historical Society info on covered bridge.
- Flyers—Debbie moved to approve expenditure to print 20 mowing flyers, Lew seconded, unanimously approved.

Adjourned: 7:50pm

- Next meeting: Thursday, August 13 at 6pm at the Town Office

Respectfully submitted, Christine Goepp

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