Dummerston Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes 11/12/2026

Members attending: Christine Goepp, David Greenewalt, Lynn Levine, Jesse Wagner, Debbie Miller, Ron Svec, Bill Conley
Public attendees: Lindsay Glabach Royce
Called to order: 6:04 pm

- Administration:
  - Lindsay Glabach Royce (Dummerston School) – Roland Foundation (Vermont) award for a nominated teacher-led change. Funded a teacher/substitute to allow her to connect students to land and place via the grant. This is year one of the project. Using outdoor learning, community service, and connection to the land. Attempting to put together a pre-K though 8th grade program that kids can progress through during their learning years. Looking to coordinate efforts between the program and the Conservation Commission.
  - Financial report – **Jesse Wagner motions, Ron Svec seconds. Unanimous consent.**
  - Previous meeting minutes – **Bill Conley motions, Lynn Levine seconds. Unanimous consent**.
- New Initiatives:
  - Library / Conservation – Debbie will drop off book at library, Christine will provide flyer. Christine will initiate reimbursement to Lynn for When the Trees Came Back purchase.
  - Tracking conservation-related developments – Debbie reviewing Planning Commission documents/minutes for Town Plan. Christine will request draft from Planning Commission.
  - Connecticut River – Nothing new to report.
  - Logging – Nothing new to report.
  - Prospect Hill – Will move forward with new QR codes for interpretation.
  - Dark Sky Vermont – Christine will start work on a "Dark Skies Compliant" house plaque.
  - Prospect Hill interpretive QR codes (Lynn)
- Ongoing and Recurring Projects:
  - Speakers / Events –
    1. Panel on Ecological Forestry set for March 25. Debbie will confirm with Bill Jantti, Lynn will confirm with Andrew Morrison and Sam Schneski, Bill with Steve Hardy, and Ron with Bill Gunther. Christine will reserve space at the Community Center. Bill will moderate.
    2. Isaac Bissell Pollinator Photography set for April 16. Ron will confirm date with Isaac.
    3. Pool Nature Center set for May 27. Lynn to confirm program on How Animal See Color. Possible follow up on aquatic bugs in summer 2027.

4. Summer 2027 presentation on geologic origins of rocks by the Covered Bridge discussed. Haydock?

- Newsletter – Monthly is published. Jesse will reach out to Dummerston School to see if they want to link newsletter in Dummerston School newsletter. Will start to feature specific organizations in each newsletter. January book will be new Ethan Tapper book.
- Future projects – Discussion regarding using past fundraising and donation funds to enlist professional help with larger projects on DCC-managed public lands (Prospect, Covered Bridge, Dutton Pines).
- Website / email listing – Nothing to report.
- Conservation stations – Will update books and include a new guide outlining usage.
- Covered Bridge – Still working on deposited sand issue. May need signage.
- Trail book – Add school trail

- Sightings: Debbie with land snail. Christine with native honeysuckle. Ravens. Waxwings. Turkeys.

Adjourned: 8:05 pm

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

Respectfully submitted, Todd Davidson