

Dummerston Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes 5/11/17

Members attending: Mary Ellen Copeland, John Andersen, Lynn Levine, Ed Anthes, Bill Schmidt, Betsy Whitaker, Bill Johnson

1. Minutes were approved as submitted. Moved by John Andersen, seconded by Lynn Levine. Unanimous.
2. Financial report: The financial statement from the Town Treasurer was accepted and approved. Bill Schmidt moved to accept the Financial Report. Seconded by Betsy Whitaker. Approved, unanimous.
3. Publicity: an ad will be posted on the DCC website next week seeking a volunteer to help with publicity for educational programs.

4. Upcoming Events:

Jonathan Royce will be leading a hike up Prospect on May 13 at 10 am, leaving from the Town Center.

Dutton Pines Pot Luck June 25, 5:30 pm. Mike Mrowiki and Amelia Struthers will provide entertainment. The Conservation Commission will provide watermelon and ingredients for S'mores.

August: "Hurricane of '38" with Stephen Long

Patti Smith will be presenting in the Fall on wetlands.

The Harvard Forest presentation will be postponed until 2018.

5. Joan Carey reports the program focusing on water at Dummerston School is going strong. The school librarian will be adding several books to the library, compliments of the Conservation Commission.

6. Wetlands and streams: a discussion was held, following the presentation last month by Marie Levesque Caduto. Conservation Easements and road funds are available to mitigate conditions in problem areas.

7. Black Mountain: Nature Conservancy has not scheduled a formal opening for the trail loop near the West River.

8. John Andersen continues to identify flowering plants around Dummerston. He has identified at least 690 flowering plants and shrubs to date.

9. Fall programs- possibilities include:

“Birds at Your Feeders”

Ben Kilham on bears

Michael Clough, So Vt Natural History Museum

Forest Hammond

Alcott Smith

Doug Blodgett

Snakes

10. Sightings: skunk, full of porcupine quills; raccoon, full of porcupine quills