

Dummerston Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes 10/10/19

Members attending: Judy Fink, John Anderson, Mary Ellen Copeland, Ed Anthes, David Greenewalt, Lynn Levine, Dan Kray, Richard Mills

Others attending: Debbie Brookes

1. Minutes for the meeting of Sept. 12, 2019 were approved. Moved by Judy Fink, seconded by Dan Kray. Unanimous.
2. The financial report was discussed. It reflects payment to Bonnyvale Environmental Education Center (BEEC) for this year's educational work at Dummerston School.
3. Educational Programs for the Fall

September 19- **Geology of Dummerston**. This workshop was well attended. Marjorie Gale, State Geologist, mentioned that LIDAR information is available for Dummerston. At the Dummerston Center Church, 7 pm.

Programs will include:

- October 17 – Mike Clough, SE Vt Natural History Museum, **Historic Wildlife of Dummerston**. With live animals! At Dummerston School Gym, Oct 17, 7 pm. We are partnering with the Dummerston Historical Society.
 - November 12 –**Maps of Dummerston**. David Greenewalt will be the presenter for this program. The presentation will include a basic understanding of how/why topographical maps are made, how to read them and what to look for. At Dummerston Church, November 12, 7pm.
 - December 3– **Mammals in Dummerston**. Kim Royer from the State Dept of Fish & Wildlife. Focus is where the mammals and wildlife corridors are in Dummerston and how they have been identified.
4. Possible 2020 Programs were discussed, including Monarch Butterflies and Swamp Milkweed; Streams and Rivers of Dummerston; Tracking; Trees.
 5. CT River Source to Sea River Cleanup in September was publicized by the Conservation Commission. Southeastern VT Watershed Alliance was pleased with the turnout and the amount of junk removed from the West River banks, but the amount of garbage removed was startling. We will publicize the results, and explore posting signs for "Pack-it-in, pack-it-out."
 6. Tasks of the Commission were reviewed in detail. Commissioners volunteered to take on specific tasks so the chair can step back.
 7. Prospect Hill Pasture- mowing and clearing of buckthorn in the pasture were done by Jonathan Royce and by the town.
 8. Sightings- racoon; opossum; blue heron; rattlesnake plantain; 3,600 Monarch butterflies, 3 Golden Eagles, black vultures over Putney Mt; 4,000 nighthawks in Westminster

Next meeting: Thursday, November 14 at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Ed Anthes.