

## Danville Conservation Commission Notes (DCC)

Location: Town Hall Meeting

5/31/2022

**Attendance:** Vange Morse, Deb Bixby, Bridget Ferrin, Jake Langmaid, Paul Weaver

1. Approved minutes of May 2nd meeting. (edited the date at the top)
2. Talked about No Mow May experiences so far and how it seems to have been a success. Bridget commented on how the kids in her class really noticed the bumblebees and brought a lot of excitement and joy to see the activity with the additional flowers and pollinators.
3. Paul gave us an update about the Pollinator garden potential locations at the Danville School. He's going to talk to the Facilities Director tomorrow about nailing down a good location behind the school in an area that will get some foot traffic but will also not potentially become an eyesore if it goes unattended after a couple of years.  
Jake spoke about the location behind the baseball fields in North Danville as a potential spot. It sounds like they are planning on digging a ditch there to help with water flow, and may be a good location for planting a pollinator garden there once the ditch is dug and the soil is disrupted. Jake couldn't get an answer about when that might happen or who was in charge of scheduling.
4. Pumpkin Hill: Bridget said that Ethan has brush hogged the area and she will go out there to see if the parameters are good. Ethan expressed a willingness to do more if we need it. She's also going to go out and GPS the trails this week at Pumpkin Hill.
5. Vange got the Pumpkin Hill access road signage from Dave so we are ready to put up as soon as we get a final OK for location from Keith.
6. Roger Lot : Matt Langlais marked a trail for us its about 1.25 miles long and based on a preliminary walk by Vange and Geoff it looks like it is a walking

trail with biking off shoots zig zagging through the woods. Its not a trail that would be ideal for walking the entire thing as it backtracks and winds in a way that would not be satisfying for walking, but would make a very nice beginner mountain bike trail for families and kids. But it could easily be walked by bypassing the backtracking by following the main logging trail.

7. Vange thinks that the majority of the trail can be cleared by volunteers as most all of it is on dry ground. We estimate it would take 4-5 work sessions to rough in a trail. Everyone agreed our next meeting should be a work session out on the trail. Deb suggested we contact Caledonia Collaborative to see if they have trail building tools we might be able to borrow. We discussed a timeline of having the parking area at least roughed in by the fall and the trail mostly completed by the fall so we can have a final work day with kids/ volunteers in the fall and maybe open the whole thing the following spring/summer.
8. Vange is meeting with Keith Gadapee in the morning to finalize the proposed parking area location and talk about a timeline and costs associated with it. As well as talk about putting up the access road signage for Pumpkin Hill.
9. We set the next meeting – Assuming we get the selectboards blessing, our next meeting will be a Work Meeting at the Town Forest on Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup> from 5 -7 pm.