

## Dalton Conservation Commission

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Draft Minutes October 19, 2021

Call to order: 6:40 PM

Members in attendance: Nancy Comeau, Tamela Swan, Ernie Hannaford, Miriam Caldwell, Ruth Duval. \*\* Miriam and Ruth were voted in as voting members for the October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting to fill in.

Review August minutes and note no quorum for September meeting. August minutes were approved.

### Old Business

- Binder for minutes for general public – Ernie Hannaford is still working on the binder
- Missed meetings – Due to nonattendance and no notice for 3+ missed DCC meetings Nancy Comeau reached out to Ruth Duval and Christine Rouillard (by email on 9/17/21) to inquire if they were still interested in being members of the DCC. Ruth responded on 9/17 to report she was still interested but there has been no response from Christine.
- Public request to post letters to NHDES for public viewing – no new letters have been sent at this point in time.
- CWS invoice paid in the amount of 4165.00 on August 24, 2021.
- Computer/printer/ 16 vests – Nancy Comeau has reached out to NH State Police. There is an ongoing investigation into the missing property of the DCC.
- Work session or committee for priority mitigation efforts (Rix Brook) – come up with ideas to utilize money if there is mitigation money. NH DOT is requesting potential areas if there is mitigation on what/where can be worked on. (i.e. *Rogers Rangers along Connecticut River, site on Union Road*) –  
Ruth Duval mentioned looking into Cushman Brook for potential work. An old NRI plan that needs to be updated contains locations in Dalton that should be conserved. The DCC can review this plan to see if any of these areas should be considered for mitigation. DCC will discuss at a future meeting when we have the information readily available.
- Taking Action for Wildlife 2022 – DCC was not accepted for the 2021 program but the DCC should apply again in 2022.

### New Business

- NHACC 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting & Conference Nov 6 – Nancy Comeau registered for this meeting and the specific work sessions she registered for were INaturalist and Using Citizen Science. There are 12 sessions in which you are able to register for 2 items. It is approved for the rest of the DCC members to register for this conference which costs

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\$35 which will be reimbursed. Nancy suggested that it may be good if everyone registered for Inaturalist and Citizen Science, but other sessions may provide valuable insight as well.

- CWS/DCC comment letter to NHDES (address site visit issue) – Miriam Caldwell motioned to write a letter to Doug Ingerson, Casella, and possibly copy NHDES, and other Conservation commissions. Nancy Comeau will get input from Jim McClammer on writing a letter about another site visit. Possibly sending letter in December when the new application from GSL is sent in. Ruth Duval seconded motion. All were in favor.
- Discussion on funding CWS Jim McClammer for future work on GSL – Tamela Swan motioned to put aside \$5000 for additional spending as needed. Ernie Hannaford seconded the motion. All were in favor. Nancy will discuss with Jim McClammer about future work on the GSL project.
- Discussion on updating NRI
  - Citizen Scientist, Bioblitz and State agencies
  - CWS Elize Lawson (coauthor of original NRI)

We can use state agencies to assist with the NRI project. It will require outside expert help to fully update the NRI. Nancy Comeau would like to contact Elize Lawson to see if she would be willing to help. DCC members will should review the old existing NRI. A motion was made and approved to reach out to Elize Lawson.

It was also suggested to partake in the Bioblitz in September 2022.

- Educational programs for the public (Jan-March)
  - Presentations/SpeakersThe DCC discussed having some speakers in the winter months during DCC meetings, for education and learning. There is still more discussion needed on this subject.

### Public comments –

Jon Swan asked if Elize Lawson is able to identify Alder Brooks as prime wetlands. DCC will need to inquire with her.

Jon Swan also wanted the public to know that there is a group that formed called the Forest Lake Trail Association (FLTA). The goal of this group is to improve and create a trail system within Forest Lake State Park. FLTA is working with NH State Parks. This is a great opportunity for people in the community to come together and enjoy the great outdoors and be involved in the local community. If anyone is interested in joining or learning more about this group, then please reach out to any of the following people: Jon Swan, Nancy Comeau, Tamela Swan, or Gina Damiano.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:32PM