

Dalton Conservation Commission

Tuesday April 18, 2023 Minutes

Call to Order: 6:30PM

Members in Attendance: Jon Swan, Nancy Comeau, Ernie Hannaford, Carol Sheltry, Gina Damiano

Members Absent: Mike Carrier, Ruth Duval, Miriam Caldwell

Call to Order: 6:30PM

1. Gina Damiano motioned by Jon Swan to be a voting member. 2nd by Ernie. Motion passed.
2. Review/Approve Meeting Minutes: March 21, 2023. Jon motioned to approve minutes as-is. Nancy second. All in favor.
3. Conservation Fund Balance: Last Statement : \$24,025
4. Roadside Cleanup: Saturday April 29th, 2023 8:30AM-11:30AM. Jon Swan picked up 3 boxes of free blue bags from NRRRA. Town Clerk Jeanette is assisting by adding interested citizens to the roadside cleanup list. They can also pick up the roadside cleanup blue bags ahead of town cleanup day, at town hall. They can reach out to Jeanette directly at the town-hall or email her: townadmin@townofdalton.com
Yellow bags for recyclables, road signs, trash grabbers will also be provided the morning of the cleanup. We will meet at town hall at 8:30AM on April 29th.
There will be a BBQ cookout to follow, at 11:30am, hosted by the Fire Department
5. BioBlitz: Saturday May 20th, 2023. Special Use Permit supplied by the NH Forest Society for David Dana Forest. No more than 12 people at one time at the Forest for this event. Nancy suggested a couple spots by Connecticut River in case there more than 12 people participating.

Carol will reach out to Mary Wellington to see if we can use the small parking lot she has near David Dana Forest, if needed. She will also check with Mary to see if we can take data on her pond. BioBlitz information is available on Town of Dalton website and how to use the iNaturalist App.

The Forest Society would like to use information gathered in regards to the Forest. Elise Lawson can use data gathered for the NRI update. Some iNaturalist training will happen on the 16th of May at the next Conservation Commission meeting.
6. Dalton Mailer-Ernie : Ernie suggested to do up a mailer to residents of Dalton, mailer to include dates and brief details of Town Cleanup day and the BioBlitz to hopefully involve more residents who may want to participate in one or both events. Possible mailers in the future with event

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dates on them. (Assuming mailers can be done on recycled paper). Alternative suggestions: Flyers posted, possible ad in paper, or advertise on a new radio station. Ernie will look into some free advertising on Event calendars in either newspapers or radio stations.

DCC will anticipate for next year for events and prepare ahead with a yearly-event mailer.

Jon Swan will do an updated flier to post at the Town Hall.

7. Community Garden/Greenhouse-Ernie : To explore the options of building a community green house and/or community gardens for the residents of Dalton. Residents would pay a fee for the season/month?, TBD. One goal could be a heated/vented green house. The other would be to have plots /raised beds for residents to rent out. Nancy and Gina will reach out to other towns that have gardens in place to see how their community gardens are operated. Will also need to get permission for specific town land space to use. Carol mentioned there was some land over by the Fire Station that may be a good spot to use.
8. NRI Updates – Elise reached out to Jon. Elise has 2 site visits planned in May (no specific dates set) in order to finalize the NRI. Elise will let Jon know the dates she comes out.
9. Chair Authorization: 14-Day permit application “Investigation” notice to NHDES per RSA 482-A, in order for the DCC chair to provide notice to NHDES in case GSL wetlands permit applications are submitted before a DCC meeting takes place within the 14-day window. Nancy motioned to approve this, Ernie seconded this. Motion passed.
10. Bylaws: Mission Statement. Suggest wording/grammatical change to DCC ByLaws: Change Section 2: Mission
Currently written:
The Dalton Conservation Commission is dedicated to the protection of the Town of Dalton’s rural character, natural environment of the Lakes, Mountains, and Rivers, while working the landscape by encouraging and supporting land conservation efforts, public education, and careful Town planning.

Suggested Change:
The Dalton Conservation Commission is dedicated to the protection of the Town of Dalton’s rural character and natural environment by encouraging and supporting land conservation efforts, public education, and careful Town planning.

Ernie motioned to approve, Nancy seconded. All in favor.
11. *Public comment (3 Minutes)

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Vic St. Cyr inquired about the conservation fund to confirm the 24K balance. Jon informed Vic St. Cyr to email conservation commission with any additional questions.

12. Adjourn: 7:12 PM

Upcoming Dates:

April 29, 2023: *Dalton Roadside Cleanup*, 8:30-11:30am

May 16, 2023: Regularly-schedule DCC meeting, 6:30pm

May 20, 2023: *Dalton BioBlitz* event, 9am-12noon

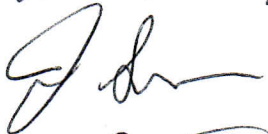
June 20, 2023: Regularly-scheduled DCC meeting, 6:30pm, with **Leah Hart**, *Land Conservation Project Manager for The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests* presentation on land conservation

*Public Meetings: Anyone, not just local residents, may attend, take notes, record and photograph the meeting. However, except as required in a public hearing, the public has no guaranteed right to speak.
RSA 91-A:2

https://www.nhmunicipal.org/sites/default/files/uploads/documents/public_meetings_governmental_records.pdf

The Dalton Conservation Commission requests that all questions for the commission be sent via email in order to ensure accuracy in response and to save time during our monthly meetings

Approved May 16, 2023



Nancy Comeau