

Dalton Conservation Commission

Tuesday October 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

6:30PM: Meeting Called To Order

Members Present: Jon Swan, Gina Damiano, Nancy Comeau, Ruth Duval, Carol Sheltry

Members Absent: Miriam Caldwell, Ernie Hannaford, Mike Carrier

Public Attendees: Ron Sheltry, Sarah and Roger Doucette, David Falkenham (ACT)

1. Motion made and approved to make Gina a voting member for the meeting.
2. Reviewed and approved September meeting minutes, unanimous vote, 5-0.
3. DCC Conservation October 2023 Fund Balance: \$31,372.61.
4. NHACC Conference discussion. Conference will be held on Saturday, November 4. DCC budget balance is \$750, so the funds are there for anyone who wishes to attend. Chair Swan will be in attendance and will host a DCC info table. Some possible handouts might include info about the Casella GSL Landfill updates, private well water testing, as well as a copy of the town NRI.
5. Fall BioBlitz-October 21 at David Dana Forest, 9am-12 noon
6. Nov 11 Roadside Cleanup discussed, 8:30am-11:30am, date moved up due to town property tax auction the following, planned weekend. Potluck lunch to follow the roadside cleanup. Highway Department to be notified so as to not be surprised. Fire Dept will assist with bag collection along the various roads, utilizing a trailer.
7. January UNH Pollinator Garden Presentation confirmed, Chair Swan working with Whitefield for a potential joint-commission hosting at WMRHS. General discussion about outreach to other CCs.
8. February speaker from NHDES and GSA labs to discuss the benefits of private well testing, especially since our area is prone to having radon and uranium in private drinking well water. PFAS to also be discussed, with testing options for residents offered at a discounted rate by GSA.
9. March presentation on bears by DCC member Nancy Comeau discussed.
10. NHACC 2024 Dues Invoice in the amount of \$250 to be paid out of 2023 budget, approved 5-0.
11. ACT in Coos County Presentation by David Falkenham, with general Q&A following
12. Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM.

Please mark your calendars for the following:

November 14, 2023: Next Meeting 6:00PM (new start time for DCC meetings)

November 11, 2023: Dalton Fall Roadside Cleanup, 8:30AM-11:30AM, potluck lunch to follow in gymnasium)

*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

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