

# Dalton Conservation Commission

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Tuesday February 20, 2024 Draft Meeting Minutes

Call To Order: 6:00PM

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

Members Absent: Michael Carrier

Members of the Public Present: Emily Thompson, Chief Sheltry

1. Review/Approve January 16, 2024 Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve – All unanimously approved.
2. DCC Fund Balance: \$31,383.27
3. Ernie Hannaford Re-Appointment approved by Selectboard, term to expire in January, 2027. Motion made to make alternate Gina Damiano a full member, with a remaining 2-year term to expire in January 2026, to replace Miriam Caldwell by Jon Swan, seconded by Ernie. All were in favor. – Motion carried
4. Officer Positions for 2024  
Chair: Nancy motioned for Jon Swan to be chair, Ernie seconded. All unanimous, motion carried.  
Vice Chair: Jon motioned for Nancy Comeau to be vice-chair, Gina seconded. All unanimous, motion carried.  
Secretary: Jon motioned for Gina Damiano to be secretary, Ernie seconded. All unanimous, motion carried.
5. Roadside Cleanup: Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> for town roadside cleanup with a rain/snow date of April 27<sup>th</sup>.
6. DCC “Picnic Area” Maintenance-Donna Madonna : Jon Swan to send a note to the SelectBoard that the DCC cannot maintain this area. Jon motioned to proceed with note, Gina seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
7. DCC GSL Report Edits/Approval-Report Due March 3, 2024. Gina motioned to send reports/letter to NHDES. Nancy seconded. All in favor, motion carried.  
Gina motioned to use DCC funds to print 2 copies of report which would be around \$350, with one copy of the report to be available at Dalton Town Hall and 1 to be delivered to NHDES. Jon Swan will pay for the reports to be printed, and DCC will reimburse Jon Swan with appropriate receipts. Ernie seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
8. Internet Café discussion ensued, as one is opening up in the Dalton Municipal Building. The conservation commission will need to find storage for their roadside cleanup items as they are currently stored in the storage room the internet cafe will open in. Chief Sheltry offered space in the new storage unit at the Fire Department.
9. March Meeting-Bear Presentation – Nancy Comeau will present 30-45 minutes at March 19<sup>th</sup> DCC meeting at the Dalton Town Hall.

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10. Pollinator Garden to be discussed at next DCC meeting – Get lists of needs/wants to start this garden at the Fire Department property.
11. Carol Sheltry suggested after the bear presentation in March to promote another BioBlitz and the next roadside cleanup. There was a discussion about working with UNH to invite other speakers, plus future hikes in Dalton, potentially the state park forest at Forest Lake for another BioBlitz.
12. Meeting adjourned: 6:26PM

### **Please mark your calendars for the following:**

March 19, 2024: Next Meeting 6:00PM, Bear Presentation

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