

# Dalton Conservation Commission

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Tuesday August 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Jon Swan, Carol Sheltry, Nancy Comeau

Members Absent: Ernie Hannaford, Gina Damiano, Ruth Duval, Michael Carrier, Selectboard Liaison Tom Dubreuil

Members of the Public: None

Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM

Review and approval of the June 18 and August 2, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Jon shared that the DCC Account Balance as of June 28, 2024 was \$31,046.01

There was a brief discussion about the Forest Lake Hike/BioBlitz planned for Saturday, September 21, from 9AM-12Noon. We will revisit the iNaturalist app during the meeting to ensure all are comfortable with it ahead of the BioBlitz. Carol suggested reaching out to the local high school students to participate.

The GSL landfill project was discussed briefly, including the Casella HCA presentation, the June USACE Meeting, and the DCC Shoreland Permit Appeal.

At our next meeting, on Tuesday, September 17, we will have another UNH Speaker Presentation by Bill Weeks, relative to the topic of Herb Gardening. A discussion ensued about how to get more public attendance at these “free” events, which all agreed are a bargain to the DCC at \$100 each, as they are very informative.

It was decided that the DCC would skip holding an October roadside cleanup due to all of the road work as well as the fact that litter may be harder to see versus in the spring.

Land conservation in Dalton was discussed briefly, as Nancy felt it would be good to focus on bringing in the Forest Society and ACT again to discuss conservation easements for Dalton families who wish to protect their family property from potentially becoming future development sites. All agreed it was a good idea and will be a priority for the DCC in 2025.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35PM.

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

- September 17, 2024: Next Meeting 6:00 PM, UNH Speaker Presentation by Bill Weeks, Herb Gardening
- September 21, 2024: Forest Lake State Park Hike and BioBlitz, 9AM-12Noon
- November 19, 2024: UNH Speaker Presentation by Bill Weeks, Winter Seed Sowing