

# Dalton Conservation Commission

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Tuesday August 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 6:00PM

Members Present: Nancy Comeau, Carol Sheltry, Jon Swan, Ernie Hannaford

Members Absent: Tom Dubreuil, Gina Damiano, Mike Carrier

1. Review/Approve May 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes –
  - A. Ernie motioned to approve
  - B. Carol 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - C. Approved: All Approved
2. DCC Account Balance: \$46,645.70 as of 6/30/2025
3. 2025 Focus-Land Conservation-Nancy-Updates – Nancy suggested bringing in speakers (whether professional or residents that have land already in conservation) semi-regularly to talk about land conservation, she will investigate further.

Jon will email town clerk to see if there is a list of current land owners in Dalton that have land in conservation. We could invite them to share their experiences in the process.

4. GSL Updates-GSL/NCABC Appeals WMC- No real updates other than NCABC enjoining the GSL appeals in Superior Court and at the Waste Management Council. As we have seen with the DCC appeal before the Wetlands Council, these legal matters move very slowly.
5. GSL DCC Experts Reimbursement Request– The Selectboard voted not to send a letter to Casella to request reimbursement for the DCC expenses related to the hiring of experts.
6. UNH Speaker Topics-2025-Whitefield-Bird Landscaping – No update from Whitefield DCC – Jon will reach out to Frank to try to get an update.
7. Forest Lake State Park Beach Sand Restoration Project – Unknown if project was completed yet or not.
8. NHDES Private Well Workshop-October 2, 2025, 6PM – NHDES will send out a flyer to residents to inform them of the workshop and signups. DCC will work on preparing their own flyer/handout that pertains to land conservation for all attendees of this workshop.

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9. NHACC Annual Conference-November 1, 2025 – DCC will reimburse any member that wishes to attend this conference. Conference is in Pembroke.
10. Vermont Rail System (VRS) Dalton Rail Line Reactivation For Freight
  - Elise Lawson environmental assessment proposal
  - A. Carol motioned to hire Elise to assess potential environmental impacts from rail line rehabilitation work
  - B. Nancy: Second
  - C. Approved: All Approved
  - \* Field Work (if Elise is allowed to go on the rail properties) \$6300.00  
\$2700 without field work.
  - \*\* Possibly reach out to PUC and/or NTSB to find more information about permits or other items that may be pertinent to the project.
11. Adjourn: 6:41PM
  - A. Jon motioned to adjourn
  - B. Ernie second
  - C. Approved: All approved

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

- Next Meeting, September 16, 2025, 6PM

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*\*In order to save time during public meetings, and to ensure accuracy in response, the Dalton Conservation Commission requests that all comments and questions from the public be submitted to the DCC email address*

*Approved.*  
*Carol Shelton*  
*Gina Damico*  
*JS*