

Dalton Conservation Commission

Tuesday January 20, 2026 DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Jon Swan, Gina Damiano, Mandy Deveno, Carol Sheltry, Ernie Hannaford, Mike Carrier and Select Board Liaison Tom Dubreuil

Public: Kris Ennis, Warren Green, Gordon Jobe

Called to order at 6:00 PM

1. Review/Approve December 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve: Jon Swan
 - b. Second: Gina Damiano
 - c. All Approved.
2. DCC Fund Balance as of 12/31/2025: \$66,975.96
3. Reappointment- Gina Damiano (full member), Mandy Deveno (Alternate) were both approved by Select Board for three-year term, ending January 2029, and took the oath of office, administered by Town Clerk Jeanette Charon, prior to the start of the meeting.
4. DCC 2025 Town Report-submitted for Town Meeting in March.
5. Need to select a new DCC Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary:
 - a. Chair: discussion that Nancy Comeau has experience in the chair role so the committee feels she has the best experience for this role if she is interested. Gina to reach out to Nancy to see if she can come to the next meeting for the chair discussion.
 - b. Vice Chair: will wait until the next meeting to have the discussion assuming all commission members will be present.
 - c. Secretary: Gina is interested in staying on in the secretary role.
 - d. For the next meeting, the two alternates need to decide who would like to step into the full role with Jon's departure from the commission
6. North Country CCs meeting, Rocks Estate, 5:30PM, January 28, 2026
 - a. Personal choice if the commission wants to attend. Jon is attending but is no longer a member of the commission after this meeting.
 - b. Mandy and Ernie are interested attending. If a third member attends, will need to be noticed to the town
7. Road Clean up in April: Add to the agenda for next month's meeting and make sure it's cleared with fire chief. Shooting for April 18, rain date April 25. Important to message this at the town meeting so folks know they don't have to do it on the set date if they can do it around that date. Will need to do a review of materials we have and those that we need.
 - a. Per liaison Tom Dubreuil, Casella will set up a trailer for no fee to the Town for all waste collected on the clean up day at the transfer station (Tom will send a communication from the select board, requesting that date from them for support)

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8. Speaker series: Whitefield Conservation Commission expressed interest but we have been unable to secure confirmation of combined speaker series. Mandy and Ernie will ask the other town conservation commissions at the meet up to see if there is interest in joining up. Nice to combine with surrounding communities to get the most engagement and benefit from bringing a speaker in.
 - a. General discussion on what Lancaster has set up for conservation commission/land use coordinator.
9. Motion to Adjourn from Jon Swan at 6:19 PM, second from Ernie, all approved.

Please mark your calendars for the following:

- Next Meeting, February 17, 2026, 6PM

Approved.

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