

**DALTON SELECT BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 6:30 pm**  
Dalton Municipal Building  
756 Dalton Road, Dalton, NH 03598

The Dalton Select Board members convened a few minutes prior to the Dalton Conservation Commission meeting for the purpose of attending the Dalton Conservation Commission (DCC) meeting. Members present included Carol Sheltry, Jo Beth Dudley (Chair) and Tamela Swan (Select Board representative on the DCC).

The DCC meeting was called to order by Chair Cory St. Cyr. Members Christine Roulliard and Nancy Comeau were present, Members Vanessa Hines Cordillo (Secretary) and Douglas Ingerson joined the meeting late. Doug Ingerson left the meeting and participated remotely. Other members of the public were present in person and remotely.

An agenda was available to DCC members, and the DCC voted to amend the agenda provided to the DCC members by the DCC Secretary, to defer items #3 and #4 (see attached) to the next regular meeting, and noting that item #5 isn't an agenda item. There was discussion as to whether or not the Select Board liaison/DCC Representative Tamela Swan is a voting member of the DCC

Nancy Comeau reported on her work to engage a professional wetlands expert (Certified Wetlands Specialist, CWS) to perform an independent assessment of the Wetlands Permit application submitted to the NH DES Wetlands Bureau by the Granite State Landfill LLC and Douglas Ingerson. She noted that four recommended experts had been contacted, and that one was available to work on this project as a DCC consultant. She read the references provided for this individual. A motion was made by Christine Roulliard, and seconded by Nancy Comeau to engage this individual in an independent review of the Wetland Permit Application, up to a total cost of \$5,000. The motion passed with approval by Cory, Nancy and Christine. The DCC also discussed asking Casella/Granite State Landfill to reimburse the cost of this consultant.

Nancy noted the purpose of the Conservation Commission is to protect the natural resources of the town, and she summarized areas previously designated as prime wildlife habitat by the NH Fish and Game Wildlife Action Plan (WAP) and the Dalton Natural Resource Inventory (NRI).

Cory St. Cyr reported that he had written to the NH DES to request that the letter that appeared to come from the DCC be withdrawn, as the DCC had not agreed and voted on said letter. In the discussion of this letter, it was evident the letter to NH DES Wetlands Bureau had been sent by DCC Secretary Vanessa Hines Cordilla. This information (regarding who sent the letter, alleging it was from the DCC, to the NHDES) was also validated by wording in the agenda submitted to the DCC by Vanessa prior to the meeting. It was noted by the DCC members Christine Roulliard,

Nancy Comeau and Tamela Swan, that there had not been a letter for review by the DCC, there had not been a vote, and the DCC had not agreed to submit said letter.

The DCC discussed a replacement letter, with Cory St. Cyr and Vanessa Hines Cordillo suggesting that the original letter be resubmitted with minor revisions. Nancy Comeau, Christine Roulliard and Tamela Swan agreed that the DCC should not send a letter until after the report of the independent wetland expert is received, so that his assessment can be incorporated into the formal DCC response. If an interim letter is to be submitted to the DES, it is to be reviewed by the DCC prior to submission. Vanessa supported the original letter as being acceptable, and Tamela countered that it was misleading and that the DCC had not determined that everything was alright with over 17 acres of wetlands directly affected by the proposed project. She also noted the difference between the letter from the Dalton Conservation Commission and the one from the Bethlehem Conservation Commission. There was discussion regarding recusal of Vanessa, and she countered that she had no financial conflict as she is the girlfriend of the landowner, not the landowner.


With comments from and between the audience, the Chair of the DCC abruptly closed the DCC meeting.

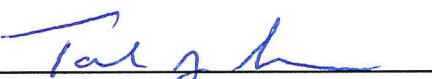
The members of the Select Board reviewed and signed documents, that had been prepared for their signature by the Administrative Assistant, prior to adjourning this meeting of the Dalton Select Board.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Jo Beth Dudley

Minutes approved on: 12/7/20 (date)

  
Jo Beth Dudley, Chair

  
Carol Sheltry

  
Tamela Swan