

Dalton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes 5.11.2021

Call to order: 6:30

Members in Attendance: Tamela, Nancy, Ernie, Mike, Traci

April 20th meeting minutes reviewed and accepted

Town Cleanup Day – 100+ bags and a 16-foot trailer $\frac{3}{4}$ full of debris.

- Could have been better prepared.
- Next time advertise for more participation and tell the transfer station
- Have the clean-up for a longer time span
- Cookout afterwards would make it more fun
- Select Board mentioned it might be good to have one

Christine showed a 2020 price list for the water testing equipment. There was some discussion about the value of the DCC doing the testing versus professionals. Jim McClammer, our Certified Wetlands Scientist (CWS) that the State does not have enough resources to test everything, so any help is appreciated. Someone from the State will train us how to use the new equipment. We will need updated prices.

Bylaw Committee Update – the Committee will type up the latest draft and send to the Commission.

NRI will start meeting in person in June. It is difficult to look at large maps via Zoom.

Reimbursements for the purchased computer, printer, office supplies and clean up supplies was \$3,514.82. The receipts that were provided only added up to \$3,121.87. Was there an overpayment or are there receipts missing?

The purchased laptop, printer and 16 safety vests are missing. We will need outside help to investigate.

Nancy reached out to Joe Gay (Casella) and Doug Ingerson (landowner) to schedule a site visit during the end of May. It has been 2 weeks and there has been no response.

Jim McClammer would like to bring some associates (Hydrologist and Endangered Species Expert) with him. Mike Noel made the motion to allow Jim to bring associates, Traci seconded the motion. Ernie asked if there would be any cost associated with this, and Jim said there would be no additional cost. Unanimous by roll call vote (Christine did not vote).

The last week in May is an optimal time to visit. It is the best week for salamanders, flow of water for the Hydrologist to observe and good for vernal pools.

Jim suggested we contact Craig Rennie at NHDES. Jim said most people seeking permits are very cooperative – so it is very unusual to not hear back from them. Jim said in his almost 30 years of experience, this has not happened before.

It was suggested that maybe a bat expert should go as well. Jim said that no acoustical study had been done by Barry Keith (CWS that helped with Casella's application). They thought that bat presence was unlikely because of the diameter of the trees. Based on this, you cannot rule out that there maybe Long Eared bats on the property.

No Endangered Species assessment was done as part of the permit application.

During the meeting, Nancy got an email from Doug Ingerson, stating he would not allow the DCC on his property.

Jim said it was clear during the January site visit, that we would need access to the property in the spring. He suggested enlisting help from NHDES or legal. Jim will prepare a letter for us.

Nancy said it was suggested the Commission's titles be added to the town website. Tamela will add.

Hazardous Waste Day – Ernie reach out to North Country Council (NCC) and we are too late for this year. Dalton can go to Littleton event, but would have to pay \$29.

Nancy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm. Ernie seconded the motion. Unanimous by roll call vote (Christine did not vote).