

# Dalton Conservation Commission

Tuesday February 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Members in attendance: Jon Swan, Ernie Hannaford, Tamela Swan, Miriam Caldwell

Members of the public: Linda Greenwood, Vic StCyr, Tom Dubreuil, Robin Pilotte

Call to order: 6:30PM

1. Review of draft meeting minutes of January 17, 2023 (Ernie motioned to approve, Miriam seconded, meeting minutes approved, without edit) and February 2, 2023 meetings (Miriam motioned to approve, Ernie seconded, meeting minutes approved, without edit.)
2. Review of 2 proposals (see scope of work for both) for the hiring of experts to assist/represent the Town of Dalton relative to the GSL Landfill project in Dalton ahead of the potential abolition of the Dalton Conservation Commission in March of 2023:
  - The retention of services for Dr. Scott Reynolds of NEES Bats due to the potential existence of the Federally-endangered Northern Long-Eared Bat at the proposed GSL site (Miriam motioned to approve, Jon Swan seconded, 3-1 in favor, Ernie opposed, motion passed)
  - The retention of services for Dr. Richard Laton of earthforensics, inc. (Jon Swan motioned to approve, Miriam seconded, 3-1 in favor, Ernie abstained, motion passed)
3. Dalton spring roadside cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2023 from 8:30 AM-11:30AM. Jon Swan will pick up more blue bags from NH the Beautiful, thru the NRRRA. There will be a BBQ cook out at Fire Dept. following the event. Jon Swan to coordinate food donations from the general public.
4. BioBlitz 2023: Looking at a potential date in May, during the growing season. Ernie Hannaford will reach out to UNH Extension to further inquire about potential assistance as well as to determine if May is good time to hold the event. Ernie will also investigate what other information, etc. may be needed and report back to the DCC. A sign-up sheet will be created, as well as notice to participants to not trespass on private property. David Dana Forest, Forest Lake State Park were discussed as potential sites to hold the event.
5. Old business: NRI (Natural Resource Inventory) Jon will check with Jeanette if the check has been cut to Elise Lawson to finalize the NRI. \*\*Linda Greenwood confirmed the check has been cut 8<sup>th</sup> of February. Future site visits will be determined and members will be notified to participate, if desired.
6. Public Comments: Linda Greenwood confirmed the check has been cut to wetlands scientist Jim McClammer for past services in the amount of \$1870. General discussion relative to the retention of experts in the fields of wetlands, hydrology, etc. by the DCC to assist the town in the event of the re-submission of permit applications by Casella for the GSL landfill project. It was noted several times that should there be no permit applications submitted and the project is deemed defunct, retention funds will be returned to the Town of Dalton DCC Trust Fund.
7. Adjournment at 7:11 PM

Approved

Miriam Caldwell  
Jon Swan

Rene Dune  
Nancy Comear  
Carol Shetty