

Dalton Conservation Commission

Tuesday May 16, 2023 DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 6:30PM

Members in Attendance: Jon Swan, Ernie Hannaford, Nancy Comeau,

Ruth Duval, Miriam Caldwell

Members Absent: Mike Carrier, Carol Sheltry, Gina Damiano

Public in Attendance: Tom Dubreuil, Vic StCyr, Pam Kathan

1. Reviewed and approved April 18 minutes approved as is – Ernie motioned, Jon seconded, all in favor, motion approved.
2. The Dalton Conservation Fund Balance is **\$24,320.27** (as of May 2, 2023).
3. Roadside Cleanup After-Action Report – General discussion about the morning cleanup, 2 trailer loads, great public participation. Invoice for \$64.00 from the Coos Democrat for an ad about the cleanup that ran in the paper that week. Jon motioned to approve the \$64.00 payment from the DCC Gen Fund. Nancy seconded, all in favor, motion approved.
Discussion and tentative date of November 4th for a Fall 2023 Dalton Roadside cleanup.
4. Jon Swan will investigate about No Dumping Signage on RT 135/Dalton Road pull off. Miriam motioned, Ernie seconded, all in favor, motion approved.
5. Community Garden/Greenhouse-Ernie introduced the idea of a community garden. Discussion ensued, suggestion made to potentially put out a survey to see if residents would be interested. Can investigate additional towns that have a community garden like Lancaster.
6. Future speakers-UNH/Pollinator Garden– Discussion introduced by Jon Swan relative to finding speakers to come to Dalton and educate the DCC as well as the public on various subjects, including UNH and an expert on pollinator gardens.
7. Nancy-Potential Junkyard Issue-A resident is concerned about vehicles being dumped on neighboring land, close to their well, with a fear of potential contamination of their well. Wondering if DCC can do anything about the situation, answer seems to be to share pictures taken from the road and shared with DES. Neighbor should also consider testing their water. Nancy will update DCC next meeting.
8. NRI Updates-May9 and May25 Field Work w/Elise – Elise plans to present the updated NRI in September. Jon and Nancy went out in the field with Elise on the 9th to the forest at Forest Lake State Park. They experimented with the iNaturalist app while recording data.
9. BioBlitz-updates and practice using iNaturalist – BioBlitz will take place on May 20th from 9-12. Hand outs available for information. David Dana Forest is the target location. If more than 12 people show up, another location will be designated for overflow. There is a Dalton BioBlitz project page available through the iNaturalist app. Sign up is

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available at Town Hall as well for additional instructions on the BioBlitz and application.
The DCC intends to hold another BioBlitz sometime in October, 2023.

10. Adjournment: 7:08 PM

Please mark your calendars for the following:

June 20, 2023: Regularly-scheduled DCC meeting, 6:30pm, with **Leah Hart**, Land Conservation Project Manager for The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests presentation on land conservation

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