Dalton Conservation Commission

Tuesday June 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 6:30PM

Members in Attendance: Jon Swan, Nancy Comeau, Ruth Duval, Gina

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Members Absent: Mike Carrier, Carol Sheltry, Miriam Caldwell, Ernie

Hannaford

Public in Attendance: Nancy McVetty, Vic StCyr, Leah Hart and John

Plummer, presenters from the NH Forest Society

- 1. May 16th meeting minutes approved.
- 2. Brief discussion of the Dalton Community Garden/Greenhouse projects, Ernie was absent, will discuss further during the July meeting. Mention of requesting authorization from the Selectboard to create a pollinator garden in 2024. DCC could order plant stock from the NH State Nursery: https://www.nh.gov/nhnursery/
- 3. No news to share from Nancy, relative to concerns about a junkyard and potential impacts to neighboring wells. The DCC will look for updates in the future as things progress.
- 4. Brief NRI update from Nancy, relative to May 25th field work w/Elise. NRI presentation scheduled for September DCC meeting.
- 5. Brief discussion about the initial Dalton BioBlitz, held on May 20th. Another BioBlitz to be held in October, with a focus on Forest Lake State Park forest and the back section of David Dana.
- 6. A letter was received from Casella attorney Bryan Gould, will be posted online.
- 7. 6:35PM: Presentation by Leah Hart, Land Conservation Project Manager and John Plummer, Regional Stewardship Manager for The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, relative to the benefits and how-to of land conservation. The DCC will reach out to the Town Tax Collector to inquire about adding an informational insert with land conservation information and 2024 DCC events in the next tax bill mailer.
- 8. July meeting to be held at the Forest Lake State Park in the picnic area.
- 9. Adjourn 7:35PM

Please mark your calendars for the following:

July 18, 2023: Regularly-scheduled DCC meeting, 6:30pm, at Forest Lake State Park (picnic area)

*Public Meetings: Anyone, not just local residents, may attend, take notes, record and photograph the meeting. However, except as required in a public hearing, the public has no guaranteed right to speak. RSA 91-A:2

https://www.nhmunicipal.org/sites/default/files/uploads/documents/public meetings governmental records.pdf

*In order to save time during public meetings, and to ensure accuracy in response, the Dalton Conservation Commission requests that all comments and questions from the public be submitted to the DCC email address

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June 8, 2023

Jon Swan, Chairman
Dalton Conservation Commission
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Dear Mr. Swan:

Our client Granite State Landfill, LLC ("GSL"), anticipates filing an application for a wetlands permit with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services later this year in connection with its development of a landfill in Dalton. The Dalton Conservation Commission ("DCC") visited the proposed landfill site during the pendency of GSL's previous application for a wetlands permit, but the DCC requested a second visit while vegetation was growing. GSL and the DCC were unable to reach agreement on the terms under which a second visit could take place so it was never scheduled.

In light of GSL's impending application, the company wishes to extend the DCC an opportunity to visit the site while the weather is still warm. Ideally, we would like to schedule the visit to take place before the end of June.

There are two conditions to this site visit. First, because of your many confrontations with and personal attacks upon Mr. Ingerson, he will not allow you on the property. Mr. Ingerson has agreed that the rest of the DCC can participate in the site visit, however. Second, there will be no disturbance of the property allowed. This means there will be no digging or sampling of any kind at the site.

If these conditions are acceptable to the DCC please have the vice-chair or another representative of the commission contact John Gay at John.Gay@casella.com to make the arrangements.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Bryan K. Gould

Bryan K. Gould, Esq.

cc: Walter Mitchell, Esq.

Jo Beth Dudley, Chair, Dalton Board of Selectmen

Carol Sheltry, Dalton Selectman

Thomas Dubreuil, Dalton Selectman

Rene Pelletier, NHDES