

Dalton Conservation Commission

Tuesday July 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 6:30PM

Members in Attendance: Jon Swan, Nancy Comeau, Carol Sheltry, Miriam Caldwell, Ernie Hannaford, Gina Damiano (Gina approved to be a voting member due to absences, Ernie motioned, Miriam seconded, all in favor)

Members Absent: Ruth Duval, Mike Carrier

Members of the public in attendance: Vic StCyr, Tom Dubreil, Eric Pilotte, Adam Finkel, plus 2 unknown

1. Review/Approve Meeting Minutes – June 20th, 2023 Draft minutes were approved (Ernie motioned to approve as-is, Miriam seconded, all in favor)
2. DCC Conservation Fund Balance, As of May 31, 2023: \$24,302.27
3. Forest Society June Presentation, Dalton Land Conservation - great presentation with a lot of useful information. Future speakers from ACT (Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust) possible for 2024
4. Oaths of Office completed? - All confirmed oaths of offices had been completed.
5. Update: Community Garden/Greenhouse-Ernie
Dalton Garden/NH State Nursery: <https://www.nh.gov/nhnursery/>
Budget For An Order?

Ernie will reach out to Lancaster Community Garden to see if they have someone that will attend a DCC meeting to discuss how they run their community garden.

DCC also discussed possibly a survey to see if Dalton residents would be interested in a community garden before we actually build one.

DCC will look to do a pollinator garden at the very least. NH State Nursery has plants for a good price. We can possibly put this in the budget for next year. It was also discussed the potential of residents donating some of their own perennials to the pollinator garden.

6. Update: Nancy-Potential Junkyard Issue? No new updates on this item. Follow up on August meeting.
7. NRI Updates-Draft Emailed – 75 page draft submitted by Elise. Elise will be at September meeting to review/finalize. DCC members should review this draft before the September meeting and suggest edits.
8. GSL Updates-NHDOT Driveway Info, Conservation Commissions Outreach, BCC Letter – BCC nominated Cheryl Jensen as Chair and to be able to reach out to NHDES once permits are submitted. The DCC had similarly approved Chair Jon Swan of the DCC to be able to reach out to NHDES on behalf of the DCC once permits are submitted by GSL to NHDES. A new motion was made to approve Chair Swan to reach out to other North Country CCs due to the regional impact of the project (Nancy motioned, Miriam seconded, all in favor)
9. Litter signs-NHDOT: NHDOT does not have litter signs, but DCC discussed potentially buying some metal signs to post. Carol Shelly will also check to see if Dalton adopted a litter ordinance.
10. Future guest speakers-2024? Budget For? – UNH Extension has a couple people for potential speakers, one in regards to pollinator garden. Suggested Donation is \$100. Jon will get specifics on the topics so DCC can decide if we should proceed with requesting speakers.

11. 2024 calendar of DCC events – Jon will prep a calendar that the DCC can add and plan out events for next year
12. Fall BioBlitz-October 21 – Areas we are considering is Forest Lake and further into David Dana Forest (last BioBlitz only covered part of the Forest)
13. Fall Roadside Cleanup-November 18 (Meeting Tuesday Nov 14 due to Thanksgiving)
14. Adjourn : 6:51PM

Please mark your calendars for the following:

August 15, 2023: Next Meeting

*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*

Approved 8/15/2023













7/2/2023

Jon Swan, Chair
Dalton Conservation Commission

Dear Jon and Commission members:

The Bethlehem Conservation Commission wants to be prepared for the possibility that NCES/Casella will submit a permit application to build the Granite State Landfill in Dalton. At our recent meeting on June 22, therefore, we voted to assign someone to contact NH DES -- within the appropriate timeframe -- that the BCC wishes to comment on the application/reserves its right to comment on the application. That person is me since, at this time, we still do not have a Chair. As you know, Conservation Commissions have a limited amount of time in which to notify NH DES of an intent to comment. And it can be difficult to arrange emergency meetings to take a vote to do so in advance of that deadline.

You have my contact information. Keep us posted.

Cheryl Jensen, Member, Bethlehem Conservation Commission (603-869-5453)