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Dalton Planning Board - Bee Thayer

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To the Editor:

I was appalled when I learned about the contention within our Dalton community regarding the existence of our planning Board, and our Conservation Commission. Having been a taxpayer in Dalton for over 50 years, I have never known of such civic discourse. We are all residents of Dalton for a reason. We all chose a quiet, small town boarded by a beautiful freshwater river, and pristine woodlands, including ponds and lakes. Many thanks to those before us who worked respectfully with our elected officials to provide and protect this environment for all of us. It took many volunteer hours working together as friends.

Now is the time to continue similar efforts to use our well established volunteer Planning Board and Conservation Commission to move our town forward with gratitude for their caring for all of us. These committees preserve the value of our land and homes, with open discussions for all. This is the democratic way. There could be nominations for members of the Planning Board from all residents, to serve on the Planning Board to aid in representation.

We all have an equal vote, regardless of amount of land owned, or financial ability.

The creation of Planning Boards, and their master plans, are helpful to potential residents, and provide a guide for beneficial growth of the town. The plans or suggestions are brought to the residents for a vote, and can be modified or changed after respectful discussion and vote by all.

The Conservation Commission strives to protect our overall environment from negative health issues possibly harmful to residents, plants and wildlife.

Volunteers are appointed, who are usually concerned with environmental issues, such as unfavourable conditions due to polluted runoff into wetlands or our groundwater.

I do hope Dalton residents can be respectful of those who volunteer in a calm civic manner to protect our community.

Bee Thayer

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> PS. Please come to Planning Board Hearing on 2/2 at 7 PM