

Keep Dalton's Conservation Commission intact

To the Editor:

My name is Ernie Hannaford, and I am a member of the Dalton Conservation Commission. I am writing out of concern for a petition to disband the Dalton Conservation Commission.

The residents of Dalton will vote this March to either keep or disband the town's Conservation Commission at the Annual Dalton Town Meeting.

I am hoping to bring awareness and urge my fellow Dalton residents to keep the Conservation Commission intact.

A conservation commission's duty is to help protect the town's natural resources and wildlife; also to educate

the public about the benefits of conservation.

I am heading into my third term with the conservation commission. The majority of our members are new to participating on a conservation board, and consequently are actively learning as we go.

We have been working to update the inventory of our Natural Resources here in Dalton. We hope to finalize that project this year. This inventory will identify our current resources and help to identify areas where the protection of resources may be beneficial to the town and the environment.

If you are aware of a natural resource, or perhaps have a resource on

your own property that you feel would benefit from this care, please reach out to the Dalton Conservation Commission. We are happy to consider any areas that may protect the best of what the town of Dalton has to offer. We will need your permission before accessing your property when looking to identify resources. Without owner permission, we cannot enter onto your property.

We have also continued and built upon the tradition of a town clean-up day. The previous two years we have been excited to work in conjunction with the Dalton Fire Department for this event. We look forward to building and improving upon this tradition in the years

to come. Last year, blue bags were donated for the event, allowing the Conservation Commission to run the clean-up at no extra cost to Dalton taxpayers.

The Dalton Conservation Commission meets every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Dalton Town Hall. We welcome any and all residents of Dalton to attend. It takes fresh ideas and different opinions to truly accomplish what will become the future works of the Dalton Conservation Commission. We cannot accomplish this endeavor without your input. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,
Ernie Hannaford
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