

Dalton Select Board Meeting

DRAFT Minutes of June 1, 2020 Meeting

Present were Selectmen: Chair Jo Beth Dudley, Carol Sheltry and Tamela Swan.
Remote participants: Scott Kleinschrodt and Venessa Cardillo and others. Also Present was Jon Swan.

At 6:30 PM Chairman Dudley Called the meeting to Order.

The Board signed the AP and PR checks.

Tamela Swan made a motion to approve the 5/18/20 Public minutes with the following corrections: Correct the spelling of *SHELBY* to *SHELTRY*, *from to form* and of scronge to scrounge; add "in Coos County" after the five new deaths; and Change Home Depot to Staples regarding the charge issue. The motion was seconded by Tamela Swan and, by a roll call vote, approved by all three selectmen.

Tamela Swan made a motion to accept the 5/18/20 Non-Public Minutes with the sentence about Ron Sheltry and the Police car removed. Carol Sheltry seconded the motion. All three selectmen approved the motion by a roll call vote.

The minutes of 5/21/20 will be retyped with corrections to who attended the meeting and correcting Shelby to Sheltry as needed. Carol Sheltry made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and Tamela Swan seconded the motion. All three selectmen approved the motion with a roll call vote.

Carol Sheltry made a motion to approve the 5/21/20 Non-Public minutes as presented. Tamela Swan seconded the motion and all three approved it with a roll call vote.

Carol Sheltry made a motion to approve the minutes of the 5/26/20 meeting with the following changes: ADD \$3,720.98 as the amount submitted for Covid-19 reimbursement and correct Shelby to Sheltry. Tamela Swan seconded the motion and all three selectmen approved it with a roll call vote.

Jo Beth Dudley made a motion to seal the non-public minutes of the 5/21/20 meeting. Carol Sheltry seconded the motion and all three selectmen approved it in a roll call vote.

The Cemetery Policy and Fee Schedule was presented to the Board for the annual, 2020, approval with no changes. Tamela Swan made a motion to accept the policy and fee schedule. Jo Beth Dudley seconded the motion and all three selectmen approved it with a roll call vote.

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The selectmen signed a Deed for the purchase of 4 Double Cemetery Lots in the Johns River Cemetery, a Timber Tax Warrant, a Timber (Yield) Tax abatement, 3 Gravel Tax Warrants, 3 Pistol Licenses, and Christine Rouillard's Oath of Office.

The Board reaffirmed their motion to withdraw funds: \$129 to install an AED in the Town Office and \$660.55 to purchase and install LED lights in the Fire Station; from the Town Building and Maintenance Trust Fund and to sign the form as presented to authorize the Trustees to make the withdrawals. The motion was made by Jo Beth Dudley and seconded by Tamela Swan. All three selectmen approved the motion with a roll call vote.

Chairman Dudley stated that she had sent the GOFERR Funding Application out 5/31/2020 as it was due June 1st. She included the Town's SAM numbers but is concerned that since the SAM account is not active at this time this might impact the receipt of funds. She is attempting to navigate their website and regulations to become the new Administrator for the Town's SAM account and thus to activate it.

She mentioned that we need to track the recyclables and the changes due to Covid-19. Tamela will do this by comparing figures from last year to this year. The Interim administrative assistant will provide her needed information as requested.

The Interim administrative assistant had obtained a contact and information about transferring land to a conservation trust or similar to protect it from development. Carol Sheltry will share the information with the land owner who had contacted the board with the desire to donate some land to the town.

After a brief discussion Jo Beth Dudley made a motion to authorize Warren Green to drive the cruiser to Ron Sheltry's so that he can strip it of the police equipment and evaluate the condition as the board seeks options for disposing of the cruiser. Tamela Swan seconded the motion and all three approved it with a roll call vote.

The discussion of the sale of the arms inventory was postponed until the next meeting. The Interim Administrative Assistant will find out if John Tholl has returned the equipment as requested. There was also discussion about the status of the state police "take over" of the town and whether they would need to use the current police "station".

Carol requested a printed copy of the "ACT of Welfare" to assist her updating of the welfare policy.

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Carol also stated that she wanted to have a safety meeting in June to re-activate that committee which is required by the state. She will come up with a date and time and let the Admin assistant know to send out email notices.

There was discussion with Venessa Cardillo about the invoices she presented a couple of weeks ago. The board needs copies of the meeting minutes of the Conservation Commission authorizing the purchases with Conservation funds. Research will be done as to the process for withdrawing funds from the Conservation Commission account.

Jo Beth Dudley said that the Town's Attorney had been approached by Casella's attorney to have a discussion between the attorneys and needs the board's approval to have such a meeting/discussion. Carol Sheltry said she did not understand why Casella was bypassing the board and approaching our Attorney directly, especially when they had made no effort to have a conversation with the board. This seemed to be a consensus of the board and of some of the attendees. Carol Sheltry made a motion to NOT approve of the Town's Attorney having a discussion with Casella or their attorney at this time. Tamela Swan seconded the motion and all three board members approved the motion in a roll call vote. It was stated that Cassella or their representative(s) should make an Agenda appointment and provide an outline of the topics they wish to discuss as is requested by all coming to a board meeting.

A zoning application had come into the Administrative Assistant's office this date. The board asked that it be forwarded to them and put it on the next meeting's agenda.

Scott Kleinschrodt asked what the value of the Town's investment accounts were. He was directed to the 2019 Town Report. He thought the town should be looking into ways to improve the income of the Town. He also asked if anything was being done for those who were having problems paying taxes in the current situation. As tax bills won't be due until July the situation is unknow at this time.

He also inquired into assistance, especially food, for those in need. He was directed to the food banks in surrounding communities.

He also wondered if the board had looked into ways of transforming Dalton from a property poor to a property rich town. He also was looking for the town to improve the internet service for the town. He was invited to do research on possible solutions and bring the information back to the board.

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At 8:27 PM Jo Beth Dudley made a motion to go into a non-public session for discussion of welfare and personnel issues. Tamela Swan seconded the motion and all three board members approved it with a roll call vote.

After a brief break the board moved into the non-public session. Jon Swan left the meeting room.

The Public Session resumed at 8:59 PM.

Carol Sheltry made a motion to seal the non-public minutes of June 1. Jo Beth Dudley seconded the motion and all three selectmen approved the motion with a roll call vote.

A motion to adjourn the public meeting was made by Jo Beth Dudley at 9:01 PM with a second by Carol Sheltry. All approved by a roll call vote and the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting is **June 15, 2020 at 6:30 PM. This meeting will be available remotely. The information for the remote connection is posted on the Town's website.** If anyone has question or needs assistance in making the remote connection please email: selectmen@townofdalton.com or call: 603-827-7027 ext. 10 and leave a message.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Peabody
Interim Administrative Assistant
Town of Dalton

June 1, 2020 Minutes as approved by the Select Board on 6/15/2020.

Carol Sheltry, Select Board Member

Tamela Swan, Select Board Member

Jo Beth Dudley, Select Board Chairman