

Dalton Select Board Meeting

DRAFT Minutes of June 15, 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 were Jon Swan, Brian and Terri Parks and Dan Gray.

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 6/01/20 Public minutes as presented. (There was discussion about changing from to form or vice versa. The reference in the 5/18 minutes was to someone sign a “now complete from” where it should have been “now complete form”. The 6/1 minutes had the correction entered correctly.) The motion was seconded by Carol Sheltry and, by a roll call vote, approved by all three selectmen.

Carol Sheltry made a motion to accept the 6/01/20 Non-Public Minutes as presented. Tamela Swan seconded the motion. All three selectmen approved the motion by a roll call vote.

The board signed the corrected copy of the 5/21/20 minutes which had been previously approved.

Jo Beth Dudley made a motion to approve Dalton Joining the State Welfare Association, at no cost this year. Carol Sheltry seconded the motion and all approved it with a roll call vote.

The Board resigned The Cemetery Policy and Fee Schedule updated at the June 1st meeting and Terri Parks also signed it as Sexton.

The Board reviewed the Zoning Application from Dan Gray and after discussion Carol Sheltry made a motion to approve the Land/Building Use Application from Dan Gray for Map 408 Lot 94. Tamela Swan seconded the motion and all approved the motion with a roll call vote. The Interim Administrative Assistant will mail a copy of the approved application to Mr. Gray. Mr. Gray left the meeting.

Terri and Brian Parks brought up the cemetery flags and the flag poles at the Old Town Hall. They said the flag poles need to be replaced. Chairman Dudley remarked that someone had requested that the flag at the municipal office building be replaced. Brian Parks agreed to get the costs for these replacements and to also verify the condition of the flag pole at the Municipal office Building. He and Terri agreed to take on the task of ordering flags for the cemeteries for Memorial Day so that it would be done in a more

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timely manner and to write up a procedure to have on file. Chairman Dudley requested they obtain an estimate of the cost for next year's budget.

There was discussion on issues with the remote meeting and of participants not being able to be heard and understood. A couple of options were put forth but the board decided to stay, for now, with the current format of allowing up to 10 people in the meeting room and have the remote broadcast made available. They will look into some way to improve the sound quality.

The Board reviewed the ad for a bid sale of town owned property. The board approved the ad and time frame but requested a query be made as to how to handle any funds received from such a sale in excess of that owed to the Town.

The board reviewed the comparison prices from LL Cote and the Village Gun Store prepared by Tamela Swan. After discussion it was decided to offer all of the inventory to the Coos Sheriff's department for the amount of \$3,200.

Jon Swan had requested time to present his side of the Casella issue. He presented the board with three handouts: Southbridge MA Residents Warn Bethlehem about Casella, Testimony from Bethlehem Residents on Casella and Casella Lawsuits, fines and violations. He requested these be made available to all residents. They will be added to the forms page of the website and to the information binder the board is creating. Mr. Swan stated that Casella talks about compensation for 25 years but that the amount of land they are considering would have enough space for 100 years of trash collection.

The board received copies of the Planning Board's 6/7/2020 Draft Zoning Ordinance. Chair Dudley spoke to it saying that the Planning Board had had little input as it was being developed and are hopeful to receive comments, either pro or con, and suggested changes by June 26th so they may review them prior to their next meeting on July 1st.

Tamela Swan brought up information she had received in an email from a resident concerning the odor when the Fobes Farm in Lancaster treats the surrounding field(s). They wanted the Select Board to intervene with the Fobes Farm on their behalf as they did not think it would go well if they went to them directly. As the other board members knew nothing of this issue Tamela will forward the information to them and they will discuss it further at the June 29th meeting.

The fob for the DOT pumps used by the Police Department was given to the Interim Administrative Assistant. She will inquire about turning it in to Dot.

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Chair Dudley brought up that there were Covid-19 funds to assist Non-Profits that were not able to do their normal fund raising. Jon Swan mentioned that NCC had grants. Also, NCC is having an annual meeting on Zoom. Carol Sheltry will get the information and plan to attend. The Friends of the Town Hall are planning to have their BBQ and other activities in August.

The January-April AP info needs to be entered in the new QuickBooks so that year to date reports can be printed.

At 8:30 PM Jo Beth Dudley made a motion to go into a non-public session for discussion of personnel issues. Carol Sheltry seconded the motion and all three board members approved it with a roll call vote.

Brian and Terri Parks and Jon Swan left the meeting room.

The Public Session resumed at 9:09 PM.

Jo Beth Dudley made a motion to seal the non-public minutes of June 15th. Carol Sheltry seconded the motion and all three selectmen approved the motion with a roll call vote.

Carol Sheltry mentioned that she is revamping the Welfare Application form. She also mentioned that the Fire Department, Church and Friends of the Town Hall were starting a food pantry.

A motion to adjourn the public meeting was made by Jo Beth Dudley at 9:15 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 29, 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@townofd Dalton.com or call: 603-827-7027 ext. 10 and leave a message.

Respectfully submitted,

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