

Dalton Select Board
~~DRAFT~~ Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
December 14, 2020

Call to order at 6:31pm by Jo Beth Dudley. Select Board members Jo Beth Dudley, Carol Sheltry and Tamela Swan were in attendance. Remote attendees included participated in the meeting.

Carol made a motion to approve the December 7, 2020 Select Board meeting minutes. Tamela seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Corey St. Cyr, Chair of the Dalton Conservation Commission (DCC) appeared in person by appointment. He reported on his letter (email) to the NH DES Wetlands Bureau regarding additional requirements related to the Certified Wetlands Specialist (CWS). Jo Beth Dudley noted that the items he listed in his letter (Certificate of Insurance, etc.) are not required, as the CWS will review the Granite State Landfill/Casella Wetlands Permit Application and will not be performing any wetlands mitigation work. This was confirmed by Barbara Richter, Executive Director of the NH Association of Conservation Commissions. The Select Board noted that the hiring of the CWS was approved by vote of the DCC at their meeting on ~~12/3/2020~~. To facilitate initiation of the CWS work, the Select Board has prepared a check for the retainer if necessary.

Mr. St. Cyr provided information of Select Board member Tamela Swan's participation in a Zero-Waste regional summit and requested she recuse herself from votes regarding the proposed Granite State/Casella Landfill (GSL) because of the position held by the non-profit organization who hosted the Summit. This regional summit was a workshop attended by community and municipal leaders from across the North Country. The Select Board noted attending a workshop with other North Country municipal leaders is different from active membership in an organization. Mr. St. Cyr expressed his opinion that neither the Select Board nor the public should request that Vanessa Hines Cordillo recuse herself from DCC discussions and/or votes related to the proposed GSL. His opinion is she has no financial interest in the project as the girlfriend of the landowner of the proposed GSL site.

The Select Board reminded Mr. St. Cyr that DCC meeting minutes are delinquent and are to be provided to the Select Board and the Administrative Assistant for posting on the website.

Processing of an Intent to Cut application was discussed.

A motion was made by Jo Beth Dudley, and seconded by Carol Sheltry, to renew the Town's NH Municipal Association membership. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

An update on obtaining a Town Purchasing Credit Card was made by Lizzy Buchman, Administrative Assistant. She is gathering addition information and documentation required by the bank.

Due to COVID considerations, the current Select Board meetings will remain remote for all public participants, unless by appointment with prior approval of the Board. Future meetings will be remote, with ongoing reassessment based on the current situation with COVID.

The Select Board reviewed letters of interest in serving on the Coos Country Broadband Initiative. One letter, from Erik Johnson, was received. A motion was made by Jo Beth Dudley to appoint Erik Johnson as the Dalton representative to the Coos Country Broadband Initiative, noting that he is well qualified. The motion was seconded by Carol Sheltry and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

The Select Board reviewed recent complaints of dogs and the State animal control ordinances. In order to enforce the state animal control ordinances, the Town must have local animal control ordinances in place. The Board discussed placing an animal control ordinance on the Warrant for the March town meeting, and consideration of an animal control officer in the Budget for 2021.

The Select Board discussed the issue of the Dalton Transfer Station obtaining payment from Vermont for return of recyclable bottles with a Vermont deposit. Legal opinion from the NHMA indicates that said payment is restricted to the purchaser of the bottle with the deposit. Therefore, the Select Board will notify the supervisor of the Transfer Station that this practice may no longer continue.

The Select Board discussed an issue raised at the Planning Board Public Hearing, whereby a resident reported that Norton360 anti-virus software blocks his access to the town website. The Select Board has confirmed that the town website does have the secure SSL Certification. The Board will investigate further by contacting the website hosting service.

The Select Board reviewed the estimate for replacement of one of the boilers in the Municipal Building. The Board will investigate whether the current boiler is still under warranty and look into options and estimates for repair/replacement.

Jo Beth Dudley reported that she had looked at the calculations provided by Mr. Scott Kleinschrodt regarding the cost of using the NCES Landfill in Bethlehem versus use of the Mt. Carberry Landfill. Mr. Kleinschrodt had taken 15-week periods for both facilities, whereby the cost was greater for the Mt. Carberry period because more waste was sent to Mt. Carberry during the periods selected. When the costs per ton and per truck were calculated for each 15-week period, by the cost if that material had gone to NCES, and by the cost if that material had gone to Mt. Carberry, the costs were less if material is sent to Mt. Carberry. (Calculations attached.)

The Select Board went through the calendar of items and deadlines in preparation for the March town meeting, working with the new Administrative Assistant on the process and tasks.

The public meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm for non-public sessions related to legal matters (3) and personnel.

The Select Board reconvened public session at 9:55 pm.

A motion was made by Jo Beth Dudley and seconded by Carol Sheltry to seal the minutes of non-public session #1 (legal matter). The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Jo Beth Dudley and seconded by Carol Sheltry to seal the minutes of non-public session #2 (legal matter). The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Jo Beth Dudley and seconded by Carol Sheltry to seal the minutes of non-public session #3 (legal matter). The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Jo Beth Dudley and seconded by Carol Sheltry to seal the minutes of non-public session #4 (personnel matter). The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 pm

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Jo Beth Dudley

Minutes Approved On: 12/28/20 (date)

Jo Beth Dudley

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Carol Sheltry

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Tamela Swan

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ANALYSIS OF TRANSFER STATION COSTS:

	Tons	NCES		Carberry	
		Rate	Cost	Rate	Cost
MSW	127.4	\$ 77.49	\$ 9,872.23	\$ 57.00	\$ 7,261.80
DEMO	61.93	\$ 93.14	\$ 5,768.16	\$ 57.00	\$ 3,530.01
Loads	31	\$ 188.00	\$ 5,828.00	\$ 295.00	\$ 9,145.00
Total			\$ 21,468.39		\$ 19,936.81

JBD Calculations for 15-week periods selected by SK for analysis:

6/12/19 - 9/18/19		NCES		IF Carberry
MSW (tons)	51.12	\$3,961.29		\$2,913.84
demo (tons)	20.09	\$1,871.18		\$1,145.13
loads (# of)	12	<u>\$2,256.00</u>		<u>\$3,540.00</u>
		\$8,088.47		\$7,598.97
6/4/20 - 9/16/20		Carberry		IF NCES
MSW (tons)	57.76	\$3,292.32		\$4,475.82
demo (tons)	41.58	\$2,370.06		\$3,872.76
loads (# of)	15	<u>\$4,425.00</u>		<u>\$2,820.00</u>
		\$10,087.38		\$11,168.58