

Monday, March 14, 2022 6:30 PM
Working Session
Dalton Select Board

Call to order at 6:30 pm by Jo Beth Dudley. Select Board members Jo Beth Dudley, Carol Sheltry and Tamela Swan were present.

Member of the Public in Attendance – Jon Swan, Ron Sheltry, and Frank Tillotson, Jr. and Lunenburg Fire District #2 representatives – Buddy Ball, Don Halle, Philip Harris, Rodger Sheldon, and Wayne Graham(Vermont Rural Water Association).

Jo Beth completed U.S. Census Bureau form for town boundaries.

The Select Board discussed the fact that the write-in ballot results had not been posted yet, almost a week after the election.

Jay McCusker sent the Select Board saying that he was stepping down as Dalton Commissioner to Mount Washington Regional Airport Commission. The Board discussed posting the opening to solicit letters of interest.

Tamela made a motion to nominate Jo Beth as Select Board Chair. Carol seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Meeting with Lunenburg Fire District #2 (LFD#2)

Buddy Ball provided some history. In the 1970's Dalton was told that they could no longer dump waste into the Connecticut River. In 1989, Dalton entered into an agreement with Gilman Waste to dispose of an allocation of 10,000 gallons/day. There are currently 28 Dalton households connected to the sewer lines.

The flow meter that measures how many gallons we are generating has not worked since 2012. When flow was still being measured, Dalton was generating 5,000-6,000 gallons per day.

The pump station should be checked every day. Bob Wentworth said somebody stops by every day or every other day to check on the pump station.

In Vermont they have 1 hour to report a spill and 12 hours to submit a follow-up report to Vermont DEC.

Lunenburg Fire District #2 has not been getting meter readings or alarms. This makes them non-compliant in Vermont, so it is an important issue for them. They would like Dalton to add them to our Alarm system notification list (currently Capital Alarm).

Buddy Ball stated that they bought and installed a skater system a couple of years ago for around \$4000. It will automatically monitors and reports the flow and sends system status data that can be accessed online. It will provide a wastewater and pump station report daily. If we purchased and installed this system, we would no longer have to physically check the pump house or flow and it would bring LFD#2 into compliance with Vermont DEC.

Bob has a flow meter from 2015 that was never installed. Dalton will most likely need a new flow meter with updated technology, but that will be evaluated. LFD#2 personnel will assist Dalton in finding someone to install the flow meter (this is why the new flow meter hasn't been installed).

LFD#2 said our pipe goes under the Connecticut River and is made of DHPE. When asked how long the pipe will last, they said it depends, but DHPE is one of the better materials. During low water levels on the Connecticut River, it should be checked to see if the pipe is exposed.

Granite State Rural Water Association can help us with evaluating our system (including new alarm system options and cost estimates), setting sewer rates and setting up fees for future investment.

The group discussed the issue of storm water infiltration. A functioning flow meter will help determine if storm water infiltration is occurring. LFD#2 can also assist with obtaining an evaluation of our system (utilizing smoke testing) to assess storm water infiltration. There may be grant funding to help with mitigation efforts.

Dalton pays a flat rate fee for sewer going to the LFD#2.

LFD#2 suggested we update our sewer ordinance, review our agreement and review rates.

LFD#2 suggested that we meet every 3 months and the Select Board agreed that was a good idea.

There is also an open seat for a Dalton member on the Advisory Committee.

In summary, next steps are:

- Add LFD#2 (Buddy Ball) to Dalton pump house alarm system notification list
- Obtain estimates for:
 - Upgraded flow meter
 - Upgraded alarm system
- Review and update Dalton Sewer Ordinance
- Review and update Agreement with Dalton and LFD#2
- Join the Granite State Rural Water Association
- Review current Sewer rates (GSRWA is a resource for this process)
- Investigate opportunities with the National Water organization that provides a loan program for system upgrades
- Review and update Standard Operating Procedures and Event Response Plan

Jo Beth made a motion to go into a Non-Public session at 8:25 pm. Carol seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Jo Beth made a motion to return Public session at 8:40 pm. Carol seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Jo Beth made a motion to seal the meeting minutes from the Non-Public #1 session. Carol seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Jo Beth made a motion to seal the meeting minutes from the Non-Public #2 session. Carol seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Jo Beth made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 pm. Tamela seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Tamela Swan

Minutes Approved On: 4/4/2022 (date)

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