

Monday, February 20, 2023 6:30 PM

**Regular Session
Dalton Select Board**

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

Public attendees: Terri Parks, Pam Kathan, Eric Pilotte, Robin Pilotte, Jon Swan, Thomas Dubreuil, Scott Kleinschrodt, and Vic St. Cyr as well as others who chose not to sign in.

The Select Board reviewed and approved meeting minutes from the meeting on February 6, 2023, as amended. Tamela motioned, Carol second and minutes were approved by roll call.

Tamela motioned to approve February 6, 2023 nonpublic minutes #1-Welfare, #2-Welfare, and #3-Legal (amended). Carol second with approval via roll call. (Public comment: Pam Kathan asked what the nonpublic meetings were about. SB answered, to which Pam stated there must be a lot of welfare in this town).

The Select Board reviewed and approved meeting minutes from the working session meeting on February 13, 2023, as amended. Tamela motioned, Carol second and approved by roll call.

Tamela motioned to approve February 13, 2023 nonpublic minutes #1-Welfare and #2-Welfare. Carol second with approval via roll call.

Coos County is reconvening the Broad Band Expansion committee and looking for a representative and alternative representative from Dalton. Jo Beth will check with Erik Johnson regarding his continued participation, and other residents are encouraged to volunteer.

The Board reviewed additional information on security upgrade proposals from Certified Computers, and will check with Primex regarding their recommendations prior to making a decision.

Department Heads will begin working with the company to redesign the town website.

The Select Board reviewed the new price list for the transfer station, which incorporates higher prices for tires as previously approved. The price for disposal of tires matches the actual disposal costs for the town.

Jo Beth motioned to accept the proposal and move forward with Certified Computer System on the .gov migration for the website and emails. Tamela second with approval via roll call.

The DCC proposes creation of an advisory Natural Resources Committee if the DCC is abolished at town meeting. Jo Beth would like to wait until March to see if there is a need for it. (Public comment: Scott Kleinschrodt recommends the SB not do that). Jeanette will ask Linda about the check for the payment to the Wetland Scientist. (Public comment: Jon Swan asks the SB to cut the check since, as of the meeting date, the Treasurer has not cut the check to Mr. McClammer). (Public comment: Scott Kleinschrodt advises the SB to confer with legal counsel on the use of funds.) (Public comment: Pam Kathan states it's better to follow the rules).

Tamela has completed the Solid Waste Facility report for the Transfer Station. She provided an update on the multiple filings for the closed municipal landfill.

The Public Hearing for the Bond for the replacement of the highway department dump truck, and for a revised budget, will be held Monday, February 27, 2023 at 6:30.

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Public comments: Scott Kleinschrodt read a letter regarding Jon Swan and his appointments to boards and groups with music playing in the background. Copy of letter attached to minutes.

Jo Beth motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:16pm. Tamela second with approval via roll call.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Jeanette Charon.

Minutes Approved On: 02/27/2023 (date)

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Carol Sheltry

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To the Select Board,

Over two years ago I asked this same board to remove Jon Alvarez (Swan) from any appointed position in this town due to his divisive and abusive attacks on anyone who dared to disagree with him. For three years he has done nothing but divide Dalton for the sole purpose of keeping a local landowner from developing his industrial park within state and federal guidelines. His so-called environmental agenda is fraught with mis-statements and deception. But worst of all is the vitriol that spews from his mouth and pen. It is time that he be removed from the Conservation Commission and any other board that he has been appointed to.

The citizens of this town have had enough. The three of you have the moral and ethical obligation to protect the residents of this town from such abuse. Two years ago you claimed that your legal counsel told you that an appointed committee member could not be removed. That can't be further from the truth as we have recently witnessed the three of you remove several members of the Conservation Commission.

At least two of you claim that you are upset to see the town so divided. Here is your opportunity to eliminate the common denominator in the equation, Jon Alvarez (Swan). By not doing so, you are perpetuating the conflict and encouraging his fear mongering and name calling tactics. You will have no one but yourselves to blame for the mess this community currently faces. It will take courage to call out and denounce Alvarez and all of his antics, I hope you can find it within yourselves to do it.

Finally, I am going to leave you with his latest post: "In Dalton, NH a wealthy cooperation, aided by corrupt state officials, preys upon the lower socio-economic/uneducated in a tiny, rural town w/promises of \$ for support for a landfill project for out-of-state trash trucked 100s of miles to the detriment of all." And with that I bid you all a good night.


Scott Kleinschrodt