

**Monday, June 12, 2023 6:30 PM**  
**Regular Session**  
**Dalton Select Board Meeting**

Call to order at 6:38 pm by Jo Beth Dudley. Select Board members Jo Beth Dudley, Carol Sheltry and Thomas Dubreuil (Tom) were present. Town Admin, Jeanette Charon present and note taking.

Public attendees: Eric Pilotte, Robin Pilotte, Pam Kathan, Vic St. Cyr, Michael Ryan, Kyle Mac Bean, and Jennifer Green, Robert Sampson, and Laurie Sampson as well as others who chose not to sign in and could not be identified.

The Select Board signed AP checks and payroll checks, Two (2) Gravel Tax Warrants and two (2) Current Use Tax Warrants. Tom asked where the funds came from for the Capital Reserve Checks. Jo Beth confirmed it came from general funds through tax income.

Carol asked about Holiday pay for the Highway Department. Only 8 hours were submitted but they are currently working 4–10-hour days. The question is whether they should be paid the entire day if it's Holiday pay, so they are paid for their normal 40 hour work week. Tom wasn't sure what the law required and Jo Beth didn't have an opinion on the matter either way. Carol motioned for the workers to receive their full day's pay for holidays. Tom second with approval via roll call. Pam Kathan asked who this pertained to and Jeanette confirmed it was for the highway department workers.

Jennifer Green was present at the meeting to be sworn in as an elected Supervisor of the Checklist. Jeanette completed her Oath.

The Board reviewed and approved the meeting minutes from the May 15, 2023 Select Board Meeting. Tom motioned with a second by Carol. Approval via roll call.

The Board reviewed and approved the meeting minutes from the May 31, 2023 Select Board Working Session. Tom made a motion with a second by Jo Beth and approval via roll call.

Tom had some comments regarding funding for building maintenance and the maximum amount Jeanette can spend on each project. Jo Beth noted that was discussed with a motion to approve the work items be completed. Tom mentioned that it was the Board's responsibility to oversee the work and asked who was going to do that. Jeanette stated she would oversee the work since she's regularly at the building. Tom asked how she would have time when she is busy doing all the other things she does. Jeanette confirmed it wouldn't be an issue since the work could simply be checked in on didn't require oversight during the entire process. Tom continued with comments regarding oversight of the work for the Town Admin and even the Town Clerk. Jeanette reminded Tom there was no oversight on the part of the Board for the Town Clerk work. Jo Beth added that the Town Admin work was reviewed regularly when the Board reviewed invoices, signed checks, reviewed bank reconciliations and P&L statements as well as when our independent auditor completes the annual audit. Tom stated he would find the RSA's and provide them to the members of the Board.

Vic, Eric and Robin asked why the May 31, 2023 meeting was closed door. Jo Beth and Jeanette confirmed that it wasn't closed door and that there were to (2) nonpublic sessions between 6:00 and 6:30 pm. Once those sessions were over and we entered public session, the door was opened. Vic stated he did not see the door open after he saw the resident (who he called out by name) leave the room. Jeanette insisted it was because she opened it after the last nonpublic meeting attendee left and they were done with the nonpublic session. Jo Beth believed the door was opened after nonpublic as well and asked why attendees didn't knock if the door was closed. The response was that they didn't

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think to knock. Tom stated he should have paid more attention since he was here but he couldn't remember if it was open or closed.

The Board reviewed and approved non-public meeting minutes #1 and #2 from May 31, 2023. Tom motioned for approval on both #1 and #2 with a second by Jo Beth. Approval via roll call.

The Board reviewed and discussed the vacation and sick policy changes Bob Wentworth submitted last fall. Jo Beth summarized the current policy and Bob's requested changes, as shared with the Board in April. Tom asked for the policy and proposed changes to be sent to him again. Jeanette confirmed she would do so.

Tom was asked if he had additional information to share from NRRRA's Recycling Expo. He had nothing additional to share. Kyle MacBean, who attended the Expo with Tom, added that we were handling the Transfer Station as efficiently as we could. Tom and Kyle both agreed that the station could use another storage container since we currently store electric items and tires in the same box. Tom stated he and Kyle were looking for pricing. Jo Beth proposed again that the Transfer Station really could use a task force to evaluate pricing and other possible initiatives, noting that some surrounding towns have significantly raised their bag fees. Additionally, it was confirmed that we had increased the fees for tires to help cover Transfer station costs for tire disposal. It was proposed that we review the budget lines to see what works best for us. A 'free' day for hazardous materials was proposed. Kyle confirmed all the surrounding towns do a free day.

The Committee on Crime and Public Safety met on June 1, 2023 to organize. An additional meeting is planned but Jeanette hasn't received the information to post. Pam thinks it's for June 15, 2023 at 6:30 but wasn't sure.

Items to be reviewed at the upcoming meetings include the facility use policy and an alcohol use permit as well as the Select Board Rules of Procedure.

Jeanette confirmed content was being provided for the new website pages. Additionally, our Project Manager with Greenlight, Ed, is leaving at the end of June. We hope to be close to completion by then.

Jeanette's meeting with Vinnie Melendez from the Granite State Rural Waster Association and Luis Adorno with the EPA was postponed. We are waiting on a rescheduled date to discuss a proactive plan for our pumping station maintenance and repair.

The Fire Department security/monitoring system has been installed by Lufkin. The site will require a cell connection since it has no phone line.

Jeanette is in talks with NH DOS regarding a grant to assist with speed monitoring signs for use by the town. She will report back once she received confirmation from NH DOS.

Michael Ryan was present and asked about the Veteran's Tax Credit issue. After long discussion, we were able to explain what happened and why the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) required the town to make this change. The town issued abatements to all Veterans to ensure they all received their \$500 annual credit. The 2024 Town Meeting will include a warrant to re-adopt the \$500 credit as required by the amended legislative RSA.



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Jo Beth reintroduced the Pride Flag being raised at the municipal building, as decided at the May 31, 2023 meeting. The resident attendees were vehemently against doing so. They felt the flag was not something that should be on town property and that it's something people can exhibit personally on their own property. The Board did not pursue the matter further and the town will continue to exhibit the National and State Flags.

Public Comments: Pam Kathan asked about the Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) building the Town Clerk's home. Jeanette responded that this was not the case. Pam asked about liability and worker's comp insurance for the FD workers while they worked on Town Clerk's house. Again, Jeanette confirmed the VFD was not building her home. She personally asked friends to help raise a wall and friends who are also on the VFD responded in kind and assisted with the wall raising. Pam asked if hours were being tracked for the work being done. Again, Jeanette confirmed that they wall raising was done on the personal time of the VFD members and no one was paid in any way for helping. Jeanette stated it was good to get this out there since it was posted on Facebook and now it could go on public record. Eric asked if Jeanette's subdivision had been approved. Jeanette confirmed there was no subdivision of her property and Eric asked how. He tried to build a home on his property but was told he had to move his trailer, etc. before he could do so. Jeanette explained she had no knowledge of his situation but was following state guidelines in the development of her own property since Dalton's zoning was voted down in June 2022.

Jo Beth made a motion with a second by Tom to enter into three nonpublic sessions at 8:35pm. Approved via roll call. Vic asked why we were entering nonpublic. Jeanette mentioned legal/personal. Pam asked for the RSA, Jeanette responded 91-A:3. Vic asked if there would be any additional business after nonpublic. Jo Beth responded it wasn't likely except to consider sealing nonpublic minutes.

Jo Beth motioned to go back into public session at 9:12pm with a second by Carol and approval via roll call.


Jo Beth motioned to seal nonpublic minutes for session #1 and #2. Carol second with approval via roll call.

Minutes from nonpublic #3 are not sealed.

Jo Beth motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 pm. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Jeanette Charon.

Minutes Approved On: 6/26/2023 (date)



Jo Beth Dudley



Carol Sheltry



Thomas Dubreuil