

**Monday, August 21, 2023 6:30 PM**  
**Regular Session**  
**Dalton Select Board Meeting**

Call to order at 6:30 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, Scott Kleinschrodt, Diane Lyon, Warren Green, Jennifer Green, Brian and Terri Parks, Mark Jacobs, Pam Kathan, Vic St. Cyr, Kris Ennis and Ron Sheltry, as well as others who chose not to sign in and could not be identified.

The Board signed checks for accounts payable and payroll.

The Board signed check requests (\$470 and \$48,200) for the Trustees of the Trust Funds for the F600 Truck (decals and required retrofit work).

The Board signed bank account documents to be returned to the Treasurer.

The Board reviewed and approved the meeting minutes from the August 7, 2023 Select Board Meeting. Carol motioned with second by Tom. Approval via roll call vote with Tom abstaining in vote.

The Select Board approved minutes from nonpublic meeting #1 regarding welfare, from August 7, 2023. Carol motioned with a second by Tom. Approval via roll call.

Gary Fournier, our town Assessor, was present to present the preliminary Revaluation Property List to the Board. The town's total value increased by nearly 70%. The Board each received a copy of the list and took time to briefly review the information. Gary explained how the process worked and let the public audience know that he expected to send out letters later in the week. He noted that property values have gone up a comparable amount in other towns. Tom and the public asked questions regarding the affect the increases would have on property taxes and sale prices. Gary and Jo Beth explained that the tax rate is based on a formula and the mill rate may be adjusted to compensate for the increased assessment. That determination will be made later this fall. Gary will have appointments available to all residents who wish to discuss their property assessment on September 7, 8 and 9, 2023. Jo Beth motioned to accept the preliminary report. Carol second with approval via roll call. Both the Board and the audience thanked Gary for his time and explanation.

Scott Kleinschrodt provided a very detailed update on the Crime and Public Safety Committee meetings, reading agendas and minutes aloud. Jo beth asked the committee to provide a draft of the flier and powerpoint the committee plans to present in October at the public forum. Scott disagreed at the need for the Board to review and 'approve' the work of the committee. Jo Beth voiced the importance of the Board being involved, since that is how the warrant was written when it was voted on at Town Meeting in March. Scott voiced concern over being micromanaged and said if that was the intent of the Board, the project would be handed back over to Jo Beth. Again, Jo Beth explained the importance of the committee and the Board working together to ensure the request set forth and approved by vote at the Town Meeting was satisfied. Jo Beth thanked the committee for their work and asked again that the committee maintain communications with the Board for preparation and delivery of the forum. Diane Lyons agreed there is additional information that should be gathered and analyzed prior to presenting information and asked questions regarding what the Board was looking for specifically. Data has been collected from Lancaster and Whitefield but should also be considered for Monroe, Landaff, Bath, Stewartstown, Clarksville, and Pittsburgh, as these towns are more similar to Dalton in size and town makeup. In speaking with Whitefield and Lancaster, Scott asked if they might be interested in providing

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add'l prolice resources to Dalton, and both answered they would consider the idea. Graffiti was mentioned bu Scott, at the boat launch near 142. Scott mentioned a family who felt unsafe fishing in the area due to the markings. Jennifer Green mentioned the markings and stated most were positive, stating "Be Happy" and/or "Smile". There were vulgar words on the boat launch sign, owned by Ampersand Gilman Hydro. Scott and Diane agreed they would gather additional information for the forum to be put together for Board review. Scott agreed he would provide a copy of the draft flier for review and approval, prior to ordering it from the printer. With additional work to be completed, it was mentioned the forum date may need to be pushed back a week or two. Scott asked for a list of NH State Police hours worked and types of activities for 2022 and 2023. Jeanette confirmed she would provide the information in spreadsheet format; Scott found that acceptable.

NH Tax Deed & Property Auctions has the ability to add two vehicles to the public auction of deeded property taking place on November 18, 2023. Tom suggested maybe sending them to the Gray's Auto Auction in Vermont. He was unsure if they would pick them up for free and what type of service charge could be involved. Jeanette will call to check it out and report back at the next meeting.

Monday at 5:30pm will be the day and time for the Building Maintenance Committee meetings. September 11, 2023 will be the first meeting. Meetings will be held in the Select Board Meeting Room and take place on alternating Mondays with regularly scheduled Select Board Meetings. Jeanette will send an email notice to those who expressed interest in participating on the committee.

Jo Beth provided information on a webinar regarding matched funds for Broadband Expansion and forwarded the information to Cathleen Fountain and Erik Johnson, our primary and secondary representatives for the Coos County Boradband Committee. Erik Johnson confirmed he would register and attend the event.

Jeanette will meet this week with an additional environmental subcontractor to discuss air and materials testing for the building. Once the additional proposal is provided, a decision can be made on the next steps.

Jeanette will meet with Ron Sheltry, Michael Carrier, and Bob Wentworth on Wednesday, August 30 at 2:30pm, to start discussing our internal plan for sewer and pump station controls and maintenance plan.

Jeanette presented the proposal verbally for Citadel Roofing to repair the leak in the roof at the gymnasium and police office. The price is \$7200 and will provide a 10 year warranty for the repair. Jo beth motioned with a second from Carol and approval via roll call.

Jeanette presented the annual conference information for the NH Tax Collectors Association (September) and the NH Town Clerks Association (October). Funds are included in the budget for these conferences and Jeanette would like to attend. Tom asked if these are the free classes he gets emails for. Jeanette explained those are for NHMA more than likely, because these only go to Town Clerks and Tax Collectors and do involve a fee. Jo Beth motioned with a second from Carol and roll call vote approval.

North Country Council is offering discounted NH Planning & Land Use Reg Books again this year. Jo Beth motioned to purchase four (4) books at the discounted rate. Carol second with approval via roll call. Jeanette will order.

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CN Brown will be providing the town with a contract price for propane once they complete the field work required to switch over from Rhymes. It was recommended that Jeanette seek contract pricing from Superior. Jeanette will do so.

Jo Beth presented information on the Twin States Clean Energy Meeting for residents in Littleton, Dalton and Monroe. Jo Beth asked for the information to be added to our website; Jeanette confirmed she will add it to the home page. The meeting is being held in Littleton on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Jo Beth motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:11pm. Tom second with approval via roll call.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Jeanette Charon.

Minutes Approved On: 9/18/23 (date)

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Carol Sheltry

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Thomas Dubreuil

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