

Monday, October 30, 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: Vic St. Cyr as well as others who chose not to sign in and could not be identified.

Melissa Elander was present to give an update on solar power. She reviewed the expected terms and requirements of the Solar Grant that is pending release from the NH DOE. It is anticipated that Dalton could receive 60-95% funding if it maximizes the availability of funds. The proposals from Barrington Power were reviewed in detail and options were discussed on the solar panel installation possibilities. Melissa confirmed the town could qualify for multiple grants as long as we remain below the maximum bandwidth for production set by the Government for this grant program. Ground options are possible, but until the RFP is released, there really is no way to know for sure since roof-top installation may get preference due to the complexity of ground-installed systems. Roof assessments would be the next viable step for the town to confirm the roofing on the Highway Garage and Fire Station are in adequate shape to support the solar panel systems. Jo Beth motioned to proceed with the assessments on both roofs. Carol provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Jo Beth asked about the Androscoggin Valley Energy Collaborative as well as the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire. A discussion was held on both agencies as well as what they offer and could offer Dalton. Melissa was thanked for her time and experience with these items prior to leaving the meeting. After some additional discussion among the Select Board, Jo Beth made a motion to join the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire as this would provide Dalton with the best options for power sources, and support in presenting a plan to the town. Carol provided a second with approval via roll call vote. It was understood that Dalton would likely be required to form an Electric Aggregation Committee as one of the requirements for the membership. Decision on electric aggregation would require a vote at a town meeting.

The Board signed checks for accounts payable and payroll. The Board signed a new Cemetery Deed, and Intent to Cut, A Timber Yield Tax Warrant, a Sewer Tax Warrant, and the 2023 second issue Property Tax Warrant.

The Board reviewed the August 2023 Bank Reconciliations. Jo Beth asked for a Jan-Oct P&L for the next meeting. Jeanette confirmed she would have it.

The Board reviewed and approved the meeting minutes from the October 16, 2023 Select Board Meeting. Tom motioned with second by Carol. Approval via roll call.

Carol motioned to approve the October 16, 2023 nonpublic meeting minutes #1. Tom second with approval via roll call.

Jo Beth asked Jeanette to print the updated listing of properties that accompanies the tax maps in the back of the room. Jeanette will find out what program that comes from and update the book.

Jo Beth asked about the website. Jeanette confirmed that so far everything is going well. Updates are a little more complex, but people have complimented the town on the new site so far.

Monday, October 30, 2023 6:30 PM

Regular Session

Dalton Select Board Meeting

The State of New Hampshire provided an update on locations with/without/and with not-so-good internet access. Spectrum has been seen pulling wires in the area but we've not had any updates regarding the 'go live' date where residents will have access through subscriptions. Dalton has 276 residents served; 261 unserved, and 108 residents underserved, according to the update.

Our new accounting software is scheduled to go live the weekend of November 4, 2023. Training for reporting can be virtual according to MRI. A cost proposal for back office financial services was received and discussed. This change will be effective November 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024. MRI will provide payroll services (starting Jan. 1, 2024) as well as bookkeeping services. NBS will provide payroll services through the end of 2023. Carol motioned to accept their proposal which will replace Northway Business Services. Jo Beth provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

The flow meter installation and correlating plumbing work is complete at the pump station. The electrician is being scheduled to complete the wiring for the meter. The SCADA board will then be installed, wired and put into service. Work is expected to be complete towards the end of November 2023.

Tom was available to provide comments on the public forum regarding crime and public safety held on October 19 in the gymnasium. Jo Beth felt the forum went well and according to the comments heard from the residents in attendance, policing is adequate for the town at this time. Jo Beth motioned to accept the public feedback and disband the committee since the Board completed the task set forth in the warrant article. Final decision is to maintain the status quo. Carol provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

The property tax auction, including three town-owned vehicles, has been confirmed for Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 11:00 am with registration starting at 10:00 am. The auction will take place at the Municipal Building. Signs have been put up and the auction company is marketing the properties. Jeanette has provided a link on our website in the calendar section.

Jeanette confirmed material and air testing has concluded at the Municipal Building. We are awaiting the final report from GEM.

The town tax rate has been set at \$14.75. Jeanette confirmed tax bills will be printed and mailed prior to the end of the week.

Jeanette confirmed Affinity LED Lighting will be in Dalton on November 14, 2023 to assess the buildings for energy-efficient lighting and provide the proposal for upgrading to LED street lights.

The Town has been awarded another grant. This grant from CDFA provide CCIP Tech Assistance for grant writing. The Notice to Proceed has been received and Jeanette will be reaching out to CDFA to determine the next steps.

The White Mountain Regional School District will have their monthly meeting here in Dalton on Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the gymnasium and all are welcome to attend. Jo Beth confirmed she could not be in attendance and asked if another Board member could attend. No commitments were given but someone will try to attend.

The Eversource TransmissionLine Rebuild will be offering a municipal tour for the Select Board.

Monday, October 30, 2023 6:30 PM

Regular Session

Dalton Select Board Meeting

A summary of the latest meeting of the Building Committee was discussed. Primary work for this fall, prior to winter include: pending roofing repair; replacing the Boiler Room door with another standard size steel door and raising the threshold high; patching, sanding and painting to repair the door of the old Police Department office; removing (via saw) a patch of asphalt in front of the former PD office door to frame and install a grate to alleviate water flow toward the door/building. Other projects will be further refined and scheduled over the winter for implementation in the Spring and Summer. The next meeting of the committee will be 12/11/23 at 5:30 pm.

Jo Beth motioned to enter nonpublic at 8:59pm for legal. Carol second with approval via roll call vote. Vic St. Cyr asked multiple questions regarding the topic and was told legal and non-public repetitively.

Jo Beth motioned to re-enter public session at 9:12pm. Tom second with approval via roll call vote.

Jo Beth motioned to seal nonpublic minutes #1 and #2. Tom second with approval via roll call vote.

Carol motioned to adjourn meeting at 9:13 pm. Tom provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Jeanette Charon.

Minutes Approved On: 11-13-2023 (date)

by phone - verbally

Jo Beth Dudley

Carol Sheltry

Carol Sheltry

Thomas Dubreuil

Thomas Dubreuil

