

Tuesday, December 26, 2023 6:30 PM
Regular Session
Dalton Select Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Jo Beth. Select Board members Jo Beth Dudley and Thomas Dubreuil (Tom) were present. Town Admin, Jeanette Charon present and note taking.

Public attendees: Vic St. Cyr, Cathleen Fountain, and videographer Emily Thompson 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 reviewed and approved the meeting minutes from the December 4, 2023 Select Board Meeting. Jo Beth motioned with second by Tom. Approval via roll call.

Jo Beth motioned to approve the December 4, 2023 nonpublic meeting minutes #1. Tom second with approval via roll call.

Jo Beth motioned to approve the December 1, 2023. Tom was not present at that meeting and chose to abstain from the motion. Minutes will be reviewed and a motion made at the next meeting due to Carol's absence.

The Board reviewed and approved the meeting minutes from the December 18, 2023 Working Session Meeting. Jo Beth motioned with second by Tom. Approval via roll call.

Jo Beth motioned to approve the December 18, 2023 nonpublic meeting minutes #1, #2 and #3. Tom second with approval via roll call.

Cathleen Fountain was present to provide an update for the Coos County ^{Broadband} Broadband Committee Meeting from the December 8, 2023 webinar meeting. The full update, as discussed at the meeting, is attached to these minutes.

Accounting software transition is ongoing. MRI takes over payroll with the next pay period.

The electrician has completed his work at the pump station and the new flow meter has been installed. Jeanette is awaiting an installation schedule for the SCADA Board by EOS.

Jo Beth asked about progress with the auction closings. Jeanette confirmed closing should be taking place now. She will continue to work on the reconciliations for each property.

Jo Beth asked if Skip from GEM had provided any asbestos abatement quotes yet. Jeanette confirmed none have been received yet. Jeanette will inquire

The next Building Committee meeting date was set for Monday, January 22, 2024 at 5:30pm. Work we had hoped to have completed prior to winter hasn't happened, as we have residents who will donate their time.

Jo Beth asked about the Special Election and Presidential Primary on Tuesday, January 23, 2024. Jeanette is working on getting poll workers to ensure we have proper coverage.

Street light and the town building lighting assessments are completes. We are waiting to hear from Kelly, with Affinity LED, to confirm everything is ready to be presented at a future meeting.

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The Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH) is asking who will represent Dalton for the Coalition. Jo Beth and Tom asked for additional information on the time commitment. Jeanette will inquire.

Horizon Engineering was asked about Eastern Analytical's report regarding the old Dalton Landfill. They will complete the report that provides an explanation of Eastern Analytical's findings and we will be provided a copy of the report once it's ready to submit to NH DES.

Katie with Certified Computers will be present at the January 8, 2024 meeting to discuss IT security and computer program options recommended for 2024.

Jo Beth asked how the speed monitoring equipment use was going. Jeanette confirmed all was going well and that the town is receiving additional patrolling hours from Troop F just for the speed issues. Since Dalton received the monitoring units through the grant, these hours come to Dalton free of charge because Troop F receives federal grant funds for this purpose. Tom mentioned the sign flashing blue and red when he was doing the speed limit. Vic St. Cyr mentioned it happened to him as well. Jeanette will check the signs' programming when they're brought back in for charging.

Jeanette will send out additional RFPs for a new Assessor for 2024 forward. To date, there have been no proposals received for a new assessing contract.

Jeanette let the Board know that Casella wanted to come in and present a status on the proposal GSL project. The presentation has been scheduled for Working Session scheduled for Monday, January 15, 2024. This will be a presentation only, with no public questions or comments.

Jo Beth motioned to enter nonpublic session for legal at 7:24 pm. Tom provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

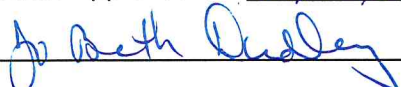
Jo Beth motioned to re-enter public session at 7:39 pm. Tom second with approval via roll call.

Jo Beth motioned to seal the minutes for nonpublic session #1. Tom provided a second with approval via roll call.

Tom motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm. Jo Beth second with approval via roll call.


Minutes Respectfully submitted by Jeanette Charon.

Minutes Approved On: 01/08/2024 (date)

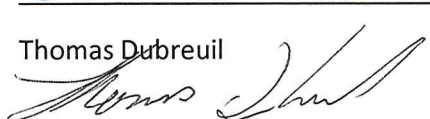


Jo Beth Dudley

Carol Sheltry



Thomas Dubreuil

 1/8/24

Current Broadband Providers in Coös County:

- Consolidated Communications Inc – DSL Copper/Fiber and Leased Lines
- Spectrum – Cable TV and Broadband
- Bretton Woods Telephone Company (BWTC) - Cable TV and Fiber
- Wireless Partners dba Great North Woods Wireless – Fixed wireless and cell
- Netafy – Fixed Wireless
- Argent Communications – Cable TV and Broadband/Fiber
- Fibercast – Cable TV and Broadband/Fiber
- Firstlight – Fiber for Business and Anchor Institutions
- New Hampshire Electric Coop (NHEC) - Fiber to the Business and Residential

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December 8th meeting was a recap of previous meetings, bring up to speed of the process. Several questions were asked regarding if the lines will be fiber. Response is fiber to the premises and for Dalton about 443 premises. Inquired if this includes campgrounds, and fiber is going to the point of the main entry, from there the campground disperses with their services. Did learn that unincorporated locations would not be receiving fiber.

Once the fiber lines have been placed, they will move to discussions directly with the town specifically.

Future of Fiber

Spectrum: Prices for 12 mos with auto pay

Up to 1 Gig \$89.99/mos

Up to 500 mbps \$69.99/mos

Up to 300 mbps \$49.99/mos

Fidium: Includes No contracts, No bundling, No hidden Fees* No Data cap *applicable taxes, governmental surcharges

2 Gigs \$75/mos

1 Gig \$55/mos

300 mbps \$35/mos

100 mbps \$25/mos

At this time with Netafy 50 mbps \$118/mos

25 mbps \$78/mos

AS of December 4th, fiber was being placed on poles in Dalton on Blakslee Rd and various other points in Dalton. For the last 2 weeks, our home has been receiving calls regarding future Fiber connection being available.

