

Monday

Tuesday, February 19, 2024 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, Carol Sheltry, and Thomas Dubreuil (Tom) were present. Town Admin, Jeanette Charon present and note taking.

Public attendees: Warren Green, Robin Pilotte, Michael Trudeau, Kris Ennis, and videographer Emily Thompson as well as others who chose not to sign in and could not be identified.

Jo Beth reminded the resident audience that while she prefers to have open dialogue during the meeting, it must be done in an orderly manner. Shouting out and talking out of turn won't be tolerated. If dialogue cannot be done orderly, we will return to having public comments at the end of the meeting only.

The Board signed checks for accounts payable and payroll.

The Board reviewed and approved the Budget Hearing Minutes from January 29, 2024. Jo Beth motioned with a second from Carol. Approved via roll call.

The Board reviewed and approved the working session minutes from January 29, 2024. Tom motioned with a second by Carol. Approval via roll call.

Carol motioned to approve the January 29, 2024 nonpublic meeting minutes #1, with one minor correction. Tom second with approval via roll call.

The Board reviewed and executed a Timber Yield Warrant.

Jeanette presented the Town Warrant for March 12, 2024. Jo Beth motioned to accept and execute the warrant. Carol provided a second with approval via roll call.

Jeanette presented the MS 636 (containing the proposed 2024 Appropriations and estimated Revenue) for Board execution. Jo Beth motioned with Carol providing a second. Tom abstained and did not sign the form required by DRA.

Jeanette, the tax collector, provided the Board with a tax abatement for a resident who paid their past due taxes online the same day lien notices were issued. The payment didn't come through until the day after. The Board executed the abatement request.

Broadband Expansion work continues and nothing is live as of yet. There were concerns about companies going door-to-door trying to sell services. Residents are encouraged to pre-register at <https://www.fidiumfiber.com/fiber-locations>

The flow meter and scada system for the town sewer pump station are complete and appear to be in working order. We should setup a meeting with Lunenburg to discuss future agreements. Jeanette will reach out to set something up.

Jeanette obtained a flooring quote to replace flooring removed during the proposed asbestos abatement work in the hallway and gymnasium. The Board asked for a sample. Jeanette will obtain.

Affinity Lighting provided the LED survey and lighting quote for all municipally owned buildings. The quote is higher than was expected, even with the \$10k +/- Eversource incentive. It was questioned whether or not we should just do the municipal building. The system they are proposing is high-end and

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may be more than what we really need here. Jeanette is looking into possible grants that could help with this improvement. The Board decided to table this item for now and get back to the priorities of the building.

The roofing structural assessment for the highway garage and fire station was discussed briefly. Jeanette mentioned that she did not find drawings in the vault for either building; there were only old tax maps. The Board is choosing to wait on ordering any assessment until the state releases the solar grant RFP.

No additional information was available regarding David Buckley, the Vermont assessor working on obtaining NH licensing. There was a meeting taking place on or around the 15th of February within the Office of Professional Licensing to decide if his credentials were enough to allow him NH licensing without additional classes and testing. Jeanette will reach out to him this week. We did receive an ala cart proposal from Commerford, Nieder, Perkins, LLC out of New Hampshire. Pricing appeared to be higher than what we had with Purvis. It's unknown how many hours a week Gary worked. Jeanette will see if she can find out so we have a better idea of what the NH assessor could cost us for basic services.

Veroff, our CPA, has the documents requested for the 2023 audit. We have no date or time yet for his in-person office visit.

Jeanette provided Tom with 2021, 2022, and 2023 transfer station cost and revenue details, as requested. He had no update on the data he is collecting.

Tom asked about the Comm. Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH) committee recently formed here in Dalton. We have not setup any meetings yet. The committee consists of Jeanette Charon, Tom Dubreuil, Cathleen Fountain and possibly Jo Beth Dudley (undecided at the time of formation).

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection is set for Saturday, August 3, 2024, from 11am to 3pm. Location is at Lancaster's Transfer Station on Water Street. More information to come soon.

Jo Beth sent an email message to Casella asking them to respond to the Dalton Conservation Commission's request for site visits in the spring of 2024 while vernal pools are active. No response to her request, or the DCC's request from January 15, 2024 has been received. Jo Beth is asking the Board for permission to contact our attorney about options. Tom stated he thought that was already done. Carol informed him it was not, and the email/letter from Jo Beth was requested to be done first. Jo Beth motioned for reaching out to our town attorney for legal advice on site visits. Carol provided a second. Tom voted Nay. Motion carried.

The town used to have an internet café at one time that since shut down. There are computers in the library for public use, but only during open library hours. Jeanette obtained computers and accessories for free from the US District Court of NH last summer; Cathleen Fountain wiped the computers and installed them with Windows software. Additionally, Cathleen was able to obtain desks and chairs to be used in setting up the "Internet Café" in the room between the Select Board Meeting Room and Library. Election equipment and DCC equipment are currently stored in the room, but can be moved elsewhere. Pay-per-bag supplies can be moved into a locked cabinet in the TX/TC office. Jo Beth motioned for planning and implementation of the work needed to get the Internet Café up and running. Tom provided a second with approval via roll call. Jeanette will discuss with Cathleen her willingness and

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availability to be an internet support person during specific hours each week. Café availability will be during open building hours only.

The Dalton Neighbors Group is asking permission for beer and wine to be allowed in the Municipal Building for a St. Patty's Bash planned for Friday, March 15 from 6-9pm. The group will have a server who would be in charge of collecting drink tickets and serving beer and/or wine to attendees. Drink tickets are limited to 2 per person to limit consumption. Only 100 tickets will be sold. Jeanette would speak with the Fire Chief to gain approval for the event and ask for assistance with security. Tom asked about liability. Jeanette asked Primex previously about coverage of such an event and was told that as long as the group had Board approval and was legally following the rules, it'd be covered since it's town property. Carol motioned for approval for beer and wine to be served at the event. Jo Beth provided a second with approval via roll call.

A Meet the Candidate Event is scheduled for Monday, February 29, 2024 at 7:30pm. Betsy Manzelli, new to Dalton, agreed to neutrally moderate the event. A neutral email was setup: QYourCandidates@gmail.com for question to be set ahead of time for candidates who attend. Zoom will be provided for those who are not able to attend in person. Zoom attendees will not have the opportunity to speak with candidates via the online forum. (This event is not a Select Board sponsored event.)

The 2023 Town Report was sent to all board members on Friday, prior to the meeting, for review and comments. During the meeting, the board reviewed the report and comments from board members. Jo Beth motioned to submit the annual report for printing. Carol provided a second. Tom abstained, for various reasons, none of which were shared.

Select Board members will be present for Town Election: Tom – morning to noon or 1pm; Carol – from 1:30 through the evening; Jo Beth – late morning/afternoon/evening. All members will be present for Town Meeting.

Tom was approached by resident, Mr Hall, who asked if the Select Board could curb the use of Dalton Road by truckers coming out of the stone quarry up Route 142. He complained that they are loud and disturbing. Tom was reminded that Dalton Road, also known as State Road 135, is a state road and that neither the town nor the Select Board have any say in the vehicles that utilize the infrastructure.

Jo Beth motioned to go into nonpublic at 8:30pm for personal and legal issues. Tom provided a second with approval via roll call.

Jo Beth motioned to re-enter public session at 8:53pm. Carol provided a second with approval via roll call.

Jo Beth motioned to seal nonpublic #1 and #2. Carol provided a second with approval via roll call.

Tom motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:54pm. Carol provided a second with approval via roll call.

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Minutes Respectfully submitted by Jeanette Charon.

Minutes Approved On: 3/4/2024 (date)

Jo Beth Dudley

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Thomas Dubreuil

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