

**Wednesday, May 15, 2024 4:00 PM**

**Regular Session**

**Dalton Select Board Meeting**

Meeting called to order at <sup>4:00</sup>6:30 pm by Eric. Select Board members Jo Beth Dudley, Thomas Dubreuil (Tom), and Eric Moore were physically present. Town Admin, Jeanette Charon present and note taking.

Public attendees: Carol Sheltry, Michael Trudeau, Tom Arrison, Pam K<sup>A</sup>than, Vic St. Cyr, Nancy Crosby, Jay Ennis, Kris Ennis, Mandy Deveno, Kurt Hall, Diane Lyon, Robin Pilotte, George Bell and videographer Emily Thompson as well as others who chose not to sign in and could not be identified.

The Board signed payroll and AP checks.

The Board reviewed the March and April bank reconciliations along with the detailed transaction report for January through April 2024.

The Board executed one gravel tax levy, one intent to excavate and one intent to cut timber.

The Board reviewed a pole application from Consolidated Communications. The application was not necessary since they are running broadband cable in the town's right of way on Harriman Road and not installing any poles. No action was taken.

Jeanette received a request for use of the Municipal Building on June 26, 2024, <sup>from</sup> ~~form~~ the US Army Corp of Engineers for the public hearing being held to receive public comment regarding the proposed Granite State Landfill. Jeanette asked the Board if we are going to waive the deposit for the agency. Jo Beth motioned to waive the deposit. Eric second with approval via roll call. Jo Beth mentioned that we should recommend the White Mountain High School auditorium for the hearing, as we may be unable to accommodate the large crowd and the WMRHS auditorium is a better venue. Jeanette will contact USACE and make the recommendation.

The asbestos abatement work and flooring installation work are complete. Jeanette provided the documentation on the abatement contractor as well as the licenses and the disposal certificates for the asbestos containing debris taken from the building.

The NHRS (NH Retirement System) documentation sent in April remains undiscussed. Tom asked when Brian from Passumpsic Bank was going to come in to present the other option (401k accounts). Jeanette stated he wasn't available until June. Jo Beth voiced concern over this topic, as the NHRS option was previously voted on and approved by the Select Board. Dalton participation in the NHRS must be approved the by the NHRA Board, and the NHRS Board meetings only happen every other month, the next being in June. Eric wants to wait to hear about Passumpsic Bank options.

The Highway Equipment Operator position has been advertised in two newspapers and on Indeed.com. We received one candidate from referral and four other candidates through Indeed.com. The Board will meet with Adam King and the candidates on Monday, May 20, 2024 at 6pm for interviews. Adam has requested interviewing three applicants. Jeanette will forward candidate resumes to the Board members for review prior to the interviews.

We have no assessor in place yet. Jeanette is contacting David Buckley to get a service agreement in place. She will forward upon receipt. The Warrant for the 1<sup>st</sup> issue tax bill is due today from the Select Board. Assessing updates have not been made as of yet.

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Kristina Ennis, the new Trustee of the Trust Funds, has requested NHMA training. Jo Beth motioned to support training for all the Trustees of the Trust Funds, with a second by Eric. Approval via roll call vote. Jeanette will sign Kristina up for virtual training, per her request.

Nancy Crosby presented information regarding investments for the town. She contacted our bank and asked for a higher interest rate on our Sweep Account. They increased the rate by 2% per her request. Additionally, Nancy spoke with Passumpsic Bank regarding short-term CD's the town can invest in to make more interest income. This would be done in July and perhaps January, after tax bill receipts have been deposited and the town has no large financial commitments due. Jo Beth motioned for Nancy to work with the bank to see if we can do this in July 2024. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call. Jeanette will look at our cashflow history to confirm the months and amounts to make the 13-week investment. Initial discussion is to invest \$200K in a CD at 5.75% interest for 13 weeks.

The Dalton Conservation Commission (DCC) forwarded a letter of interest from Carol Sheltry and the DCC requests the Select Board appoint her as a full-term member of the Commission. Eric motioned with a second from Jo Beth. Approval via roll call vote.

Jeanette received an email from North Country Council regarding a survey for possible funding on Electric Vehicle Charging Locations. NHDES is working to develop a list of property locations for EV charging stations through the state. The Board stated the town would be interested. It was also suggested that we reach out to the Dalton Country Store to see if they're also interested in hosting EV charging stations. Jeanette will inquire.

One additional mowing bid was received for summer mowing of town properties and cemeteries. It was substantially higher than Nelson's verbal quote. Eric motioned to approve Nelson's proposal. Jo Beth provided a second with approval via roll call vote. Diane Lyon asked about adding the Dalton picnic area. This area was originally going to be maintained by a group of volunteers. Tom asked if we could add it to the mowing schedule. The Board agreed this was acceptable. Jeanette will contact Nelson for the additional cost of mowing this area.

Jeanette reported that Donna Madonna prefers to grant a License for use of the Dalton Picnic Area (the temporary option). Our attorney is drafting the agreement.

There were no public comments.

Jeanette informed the board there are at least two legal nonpublic sessions needed, maybe three.

Tom motioned to go into nonpublic at 5:04pm. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call.

Eric motioned to re-enter public session at 5:31 pm. Tom second with approval via roll call.

Jo Beth motioned to seal all three nonpublic legal sessions. Eric second with approval via roll call.

Tom motioned to adjourn meeting at 5:32 pm. Eric second. Approved via roll call vote.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Jeanette Charon.

Minutes Approved On: 5-29-2024 (date)

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