

Monday, July 08, 2024 6:30 PM
Regular Session
Dalton Select Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 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, Robin Pilotte, Eric Pilotte, Diane Lyon, Pam Kathan, Vic St. Cyr, George Bell, Kurt Hall, Michael Crosby, Nancy Crosby, Terri Parks, Owin Reinhard, Adam King, and videographer Emily Thompson as well as others who chose not to sign in and could not be identified.

Jo Beth motioned to enter nonpublic session for personnel at 6:30pm. Tom second with approval via roll call.

Jo Beth motioned to enter public session at 7:07pm. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call.

Jo Beth motioned to seal the minutes from nonpublic session #1 regarding personnel. Tom second with approval via roll call.

Treasurer, Nancy Crosby, brought bank documents to the Board to sign for our \$250k 13-week CD investment. The Board executed the documents. Nancy will deliver to the bank on Tuesday morning, July 9, 2024.

The Board signed payroll and AP checks.

The Board executed the PA-16 for the town's request for reimbursement for land use for Forest Lake State Park.

Eric asked to push the approval of meeting minutes for June 10th and June 24th. He has not been able to review them prior to the meeting.

Eric motioned to approve New Hampshire State Retirement for the employees of the town. Jo Beth provided a second with approval via roll call.

Tom asked if the town of Dalton was paying for the broadband expansion. Jeanette confirmed the town is not funding the work; it's funded through the federal grant the state accepted in 2023.

The Dalton Picnic Area has been cleaned up by volunteers and a picnic table has been placed in the area, with the fence in process. Adam King ordered the parking related signs for the area.

There was no update regarding the transfer station revenue and expenses analysis.

Casella stated they would have tipping fee information for the town when they come to present on July 29, 2024.

Jeanette confirmed she submitted projects for the pedestrian lanes for state road 135 as well as the crosswalk at Bridge Hill and SR135 to North Country Council for the upcoming Infrastructure Plan. They will be in touch with us when they're ready to discuss further.

Jeanette inquired to CN Brown and Superior for heating oil and propane pricing for the 2024/2025 winter season.

Jeanette provided a building committee update regarding window quotes. Portland Glass quoted \$908 for the repair of the three windows in the entry vestibule. Jo Beth motioned to approve the quote and

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proceed with the work. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call. Jeanette will schedule the work with the contractor so the work can be done ASAP.

Tom had no update for the Conservation Commission, stating it was Jon Swan's responsibility to provide the information. Jo Beth stated this was added to the agenda so the select board liaisons could provide an update at the select board meetings. This wasn't done in 2023 as updates were just being provided when necessary.

Eric had no update for the Planning Board. He wasn't able to attend the last meeting and the next meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2024. He did mention the camp ground that was discussed in the May meeting. Terri Parks was present and gave a brief update on an upcoming setback variance on Miller Road.

The Municipal Solar Grant RFP is currently active and Jeanette provided quotes for the work previously discussed for the highway garage or fire station buildings. Barrington power will update the quotes for us, originally priced in October 2023. Pam Kathan, Robin Pilotte, and Eric Pilotte asked random questions regarding maintenance, batteries, repair, replacement, disposal, etc. These questions were addressed by the Board.

Tom handed out an article to the Board regarding EV vehicle chargers availability being unreliable.

Jeanette provided an update on the new Highway truck purchased with funding to be provided by the NH Clean Diesel Grant Program. The revised delivery date is circa early October. Upon receipt, the vehicle will be sent out for retrofitting. It may not be ready for use this winter.

There have been no updates on Eversource's Project X178; however, resident owners have complained that previously they were not notified when workers would be accessing their property. Additionally, the scope of work being done appears to be larger than originally scoped. Pam Kathan asked what the project was about. Eric Pilotte stated that roads placed for the pole replacement are removed once the work is completed and no cement is placed.

Jeanette provided a rate update from the Community Power Coalition for the board members. Diane Lyon asked for more information. Eric provided his copy to the audience to review. Dalton joined the coalition last year but hasn't moved forward with full membership. Doing so requires public meetings as well as a majority vote at town meeting in March. Although decreased power rates would benefit the town, Eversource still charges for delivery. Eversource just announced an increase in delivery charges to take affect this year. Jo Beth stated that using the Coalition's power supply is optional for residents. The Board inquired about the Coalition coming to talk about the program and agreed that we should proceed with consideration. Jeanette will contact them to see if something can be setup for a future meeting.

Public Comment:

Pam Kathan asked about the floors in the hallway outside the meeting room. Originally it was thought the heat register could be leaking. No leak has been found at this point and it's believed now that it could be a glue issue. Jeanette stated she is aware of the issue and it's being addressed with the contractor. They will make repairs at no cost to the town.

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Eric Pilotte asked if the letter was issued to the house next to Cushman Cemetery regarding the trash at the property line. The Parks (Cemetery Sexton) and Jeanette have not coordinated that letter yet.

Jo Beth motioned to go into nonpublic for legal and welfare at 8:08pm. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call.

Jo Beth motioned to re-enter public session at 8:41 pm. Eric second with approval via roll call.

Eric motioned to seal the minutes for all nonpublic sessions. Tom second with approval via roll call.

Tom motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:42 pm. Eric provided a second. Approved via roll call vote.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Jeanette Charon.

Minutes Approved On: 7/22/24 (date)

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