

Monday, January 6, 2025 6:00 PM

Regular Session

Dalton Select Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:01 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: Pam Kathan, Tom Arrison, Mandy Deveno, Paul Deveno, Michael Ryan, Carol Sheltry, Terri Parks, Don Marchand, Carl Lindquist, Cathleen Fountain, Marc Moran from Casella, and videographer Emily Thompson as well as others who chose not to sign in and could not be identified.

Marc Morgan from Casella was present to discuss the Casella landfill and trucking contract. Marc mentioned the services Dalton can utilize. They provide single-stream recycling which allows all recycling to be placed in one container to be transported to Bethlehem and then their Vermont location for machine sorting and recycling. Scarp metal would not be included and can still be sold to the town's recycling vendor. Dalton has the option of processing their recycling the same way it is currently processed. Marc did state there are indirect costs to processing our own recycling in town and taking them to Littleton. Tom agreed as did Jeanette; however, Jeanette mentioned that it was through salary paid to a town employee. Tom asked if Casella could provide dumpsters on Tuesday, January 7, 2025. Beattie removed their boxes and the town has no dumpsters of their own. Marc stated he would attempt to get at least one delivered. Tom stated if it couldn't happen, the transfer station would have to be closed for the day. We currently use 30-yard dumpsters but are not opposed to using 40-yard dumpsters if they will fit. It is something we can look into going forward. Marc stated he is available to assist the town with ideas with waste diversion practices. He can assist with the possibility of additional recycling, timing of dumpster pulls, fullness of dumpsters, education for patrons, etc. He would like to meet with Kyle and Adam at the transfer station on Tuesday, January 14, 2025. Marc will get the contract sent to Jeanette in the morning, January 7, 2024.

The Board signed AP and payroll checks.

The Board reviewed and signed a Veterans' Tax Credit application.

The Board received and reviewed the December 2024 bank reconciliation along with the December 2024 transaction report and the 2024 transaction report. Jeanette did inform the Board that the December numbers could change if we receive any additional December invoices.

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the December 9, 2024 Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire public hearing on December, 9, 2024. Jo Beth motioned to approve the minutes. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call.

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the December 9, 2024 Select Board meeting minutes on December 9, 2024. Jo Beth motioned for approval with a second from Eric and approval via roll call

Nonpublic meeting minutes from December 9, 2024, were provided to the Board for review and approval. Jo Beth made a minor correction to minutes for nonpublic session #2. Jo Beth motioned for the approval of the minutes for nonpublic sessions 1, 2, and 3. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from December 26, 2024. Eric motioned for approval with a second provided by Jo Beth. Approval obtained via roll call vote.

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Nonpublic meeting minutes from December 26, 2024 were provided to the Board for review and approval. Jo Beth motioned for approval of nonpublic minutes 1, 2, and 3. Eric provided a second for all the sessions' minutes. Tom voted 'yay' for minutes from nonpublic sessions 1 and 2; he voted 'nay' for minutes from nonpublic session #3.

Cathleen Fountain was present to provide an update for the Broadband Expansion Grant. The 1st grant work is complete in Whitefield and Dalton. Most of Coos County has been covered by this grant. There are other areas that will hopefully be covered with a new grant. There were a couple billing issues regarding installation charges for long-run cable that are being handled on a case-by-case basis. The next meeting date has not been set at this time; the managing group's contract has likely expired/been cancelled due to budgeting restrictions. Tom asked about the per foot price for underground installation. Cathleen was not sure. He asked which was better, underground or erected pole installation. Cathleen stated there really isn't a better or worse.

Carl Lindquist, the Planning Board Chair, was present to discuss road concerns on Blakslee that could be exacerbated by the addition of Under Canvas' facility. Carl wanted to ensure the Select Board is satisfied with the current status of conditions and anticipated repairs yet to happen on the road. He informed the Board that once the Planning Board approves the application, the facility can proceed with their development, given they have obtained the required state approvals and permits. Ron Sheltry spoke about the funds being reimbursed by FEMA for the repair of the road as well as the possible mitigation funds being made available by FEMA. Jo Beth asked if a traffic study should be requested of Under Canvas. Tom asked if we have the mitigation funding in writing. Ron informed the Board that the mitigation funds are reimbursable, just like the initial repairs. Tom asked if the Developer could pay the 25% FEMA cost share for road repairs. It was noted that would not be appropriate as the flood damage has nothing to do with the development and is the responsibility of the town. The area of concern is the Chamberlain Hill area where the lane is narrow and visibility is not optimal. Jo Beth asked if a memorandum of agreement should be requested of the developer if further changes to the road are necessary. Carol Sheltry reminded the crowd and Board that Under Canvas already stated they would provide signs. Paul Deveno stated that the road has to be returned to the state standard anyway. Under Canvas would likely be happy to provide signage for safety and navigation, etc. Jeanette stated this should be adequate. Under Canvas doesn't want any incidents either, more than likely. Paul added that the Board could ask Under Canvas to provide a handout to educate their guests of the surroundings in advance and at check-in. Jo Beth confirmed with the Board and Carl that the Select Board doesn't need to do anything, as additional signage requirements can be part of the Planning Board stipulations in their approval of the project.

Jeanette provided the Board with the proposal from KRT Appraisals for the revaluation due in 2028. The Board previously asked for Jeanette to provide another copy of the quote when it was voted on during the December 26, 2024 meeting.

The Petitioned Special Town Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 7pm in the municipal building gymnasium. Pam Kathan stated she does not believe the warrant was posted per RSA 39:4. Pam read the RSA aloud and asked Jeanette when the warrant was posted. Jeanette stated she wasn't sure. Jeanette said she generally posts things the day of or right after the meeting. Jeanette looked at the warrant on the board in the hallway but it only has the date of the meeting. Jo Beth read aloud the RSA in which the warrant was posted. Pam asked about the newspaper. Jeanette confirmed it

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was being printed in the paper on Wednesday, January 8, 2025. Pam provided a copy of a letter sent by the Board to NH DES on or about February 26, 2024. She pointed out the email address for the Board on the header of the page. Jo Beth and Jeanette do not understand Pam's point. Pam states the email is different than it is now. Jeanette explained again that this is the old email used by the Board prior to the domain change to .gov. Emails sent to the old address are forwarded automatically to the new address.

Mowing proposals are being tabled to another meeting, as only one was received. Tom would like to speak with Adam about having the highway department mow the town properties.

Michael Ryan asked about the hazardous household waste collection discussed in the December 26, 2024, meeting. Jeanette stated it was already voted on and the Board approved participation. Mike commented that the town shouldn't pay for residents to dispose of their trash. A painting contractor could go to the event and cost the town a lot of money. It was noted that the event is only for residential waste, and the amount disposed per person is limited. The Board may decide at a later time if they want to charge residents. Ron Sheltry stated that his business is a hazardous waste producer and by state law he is not allowed to dispose of his waste at events like this one.

Cathleen Fountain announced that the Supervisors of the Checklist are holding a session at 6:30pm on Thursday, January 16, 2025, prior to the special town meeting.

Jo Beth motioned to enter nonpublic per 91-A:3; II(I) - legal at 7:44pm. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call vote. Jeanette was present for nonpublic session #1. She was asked to leave for sessions 2 and 3.

Eric motioned to return to public session at 8:10pm. Tom provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Eric motioned to seal minutes 1, 2, and 3. Tom provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Eric motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm. Tom provided a second with approval via roll call.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Jeanette Charon.

Minutes Approved On: 1/13/25 (date)

Jo Beth Dudley

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Thomas Dubreuil

Eric Moore

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