

Monday, May 12, 2025 5:00 PM

Regular Session

Dalton Select Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 5:06 pm by Jo Beth. Select Board members Jo Beth Dudley, Eric Moore and Thomas Dubreuil were physically present. Town Admin, Jeanette Charon present and note taking. Meeting available for public viewing via Zoom.

Public attendees: Robin Pilotte, Michael Carrier, Brian Parks, Terri Parks, Adam King, Michael Ryan, Paul Deveno, Mandy Deveno and videographer Emily Thompson. Via zoom: Carol Sheltry, Warren Green and Jackie.

Jo Beth motioned to enter nonpublic at 5:07pm for personnel; RSA 91-A:3, II(b). Tom provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Jo Beth motioned to re-enter public session at 5:57pm. Tom provided a second. Approval via roll call vote.

Select Board meeting paused for Public Hearing.

Jo Beth called the Select Board Meeting back to order at 6:03pm.

Jo Beth motioned to approve the sale of ½ acre of the Municipal lot 403-060-000. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call vote. Nicholas Bean asked how long it would take to complete the transfer. The Board wasn't sure. The final deed information will be sent to the attorney for completion upon receipt of lot line adjustment recording. A mylar is needed from Karel Bean to be signed and recorded. Once the closing is complete, Karel Bean will merge the two lots into one parcel. Jeanette will notice the meeting and post information on the website.

The Board signed AP and payroll checks.

Jeanette provided the Board with March bank reconciliations as well as the March transaction report and the transaction report for 1Q-2025.

Jo Beth motioned to re-enter nonpublic for personnel at 6:30pm, RSA 91-A:3, II(b). Eric provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Jo Beth motioned to re-enter public session at 7:16pm. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Jo Beth motioned to seal nonpublic minutes 1 and 2. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

The Meeting took a brief break and resumed session at 7:22pm.

Adam King asked about Casella taking mattresses for the town. They removed them from the dumpster and didn't take them on their last box pull. Tom stated that the town needed to increase their prices for the mattresses to cover the costs incurred by Casella. Adam voiced concern about them just ending up on the roadside instead. Jo Beth recalled that Casella had agreed to take mattresses. Jeanette will reach out to Marc (Casella) regarding mattresses, cost and transport.

Adam King mentioned we would be seeing changes from Littleton regarding recycling. They plan to start charging Dalton for processing our recycling. Jeanette asked if there was a letter or something formal coming to the town regarding this change. Adam was unsure. Jo Beth inquired about the new metal recycler discussed previously. Jeanette has not made contact with them. Tom asked if Lancaster was a viable option for recycling. Adam stated that would be great if possible. Tom stated that he will check.

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Adam also asked about the upgrade/modifications to be done at the transfer station. Adding a concrete pad and a lean-to on the side of the station would allow for more storage space and efficient use of the existing space. Adam stated there would be some revenue coming in for cans that were cashed in. This could help with the modifications.

Jeanette will reach out to Lancaster and Littleton regarding recycling costs/opportunities. Adam will work with Wayne from L&L and Son on removing the legs from our existing trailer. Tom will measure the area needed for a concrete pad in order to obtain an estimated cost.

Jeanette provided pricing to Adam and the Board for landscaping equipment that will be needed to start maintaining the cemeteries and town properties. Brian Parks agreed with Adam's choice of purchasing the Scag mower. Michael Carrier and Brian Parks should be able to handle the cemetery properties together. A Scag mower, blower, trimmer, and push mower were approved along with an enclosed trailer for storage and transport. Total cost for all item approximately \$16k. Jeanette will proceed with the purchases.

The Select Board signed one cemetery deed. Jo Beth motioned with Eric providing a second. Approval via roll call vote.

The Board signed the 1st issue tax warrant for 2025. Jo Beth motioned with a second provided by Eric and approval via roll call vote.

Jeanette has been gathering information for the option of electronic tax bill distribution. The Board approved for this action, should the process be an option for the town. Jo Beth motioned with a second by Eric and approval via roll call vote.

The Board briefly discussed the MS-535. Tom was not prepared to execute the document. Eric asked for more time to review. Jo Beth reminded them this had been sent out over 2 weeks prior to this meeting and asked about comments to which they had none to provide. Tom stated he was not going to sign the document because he didn't agree with the budget. Jo Beth explained the importance of the Board signing the document as it is past the due date as required by DRA. Providing signatures states that it encompasses what took place during the year for expenditures and at town meeting for the new budget. She noted that the budget is as approved by the town residents, whether or not individual select board members agree with it. Eric agreed to execute the document. Jo Beth motioned with a second by Eric. The motion passed. Tom voted 'nay'.

Jeanette provided the draft audit to the board members for their review and comments. Tom asked for additional time to provide comments. Jo Beth noted her questions, which Jeanette addressed. The Board and town admin need to execute the representation letter. We will address this at our next meeting.

There was no update from Tom for the conservation commission.

The planning board has a minor lot line adjustment request for Mark and Martha Haskins. Jeanette will post the notices and send out letters to abutters once information is received from Carl Lindquist, planning board chair. Jo Beth to follow up with him to obtain a quick response since timing will be affected by the Memorial Day holiday. The goal is to have the public hearing in conjunction with the next Planning Board meeting on June 4th. The other business covered at the last Planning Board meeting was the lot line adjustment (merger) for the Bean property, pending sale of ~1/2 acre by the town. A public hearing for this action may be scheduled for June 4th.

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The host community committee will meet on May 19, 2025, to review sample agreements and set guidelines.

Barrington power's contract was presented for the solar array grant work taking place at the Highway Garage. The work was approved by majority vote at town meeting on March 11, 2025, with funding being the only stipulation. Tom asked if the roof on the garage was strong enough. Jo Beth reminded Tom that the structural evaluation was completed and the roof was found to be in acceptable condition. Jo Beth executed the contract for the Board.

Jeanette provided meeting minutes for the April 28, 2025, public hearing. Jo Beth motioned to approve with a second from Tom. Approval via roll call vote.

Jo Beth motioned to approve the select board meeting minutes from April 28, 2025. Tom provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

The Board reviewed and discussed Upton & Hatfield's invoice #173291 for March 2025. One item for \$432 does not belong to the town and will be removed prior to payment.

The update for the Bean property was provided. Select Board approval was obtained for the sale of ½ acre. Jo Beth explained the remaining process. Karel is aware he will have a bill for the costs related to the transaction.

Tom and Eric did not have a plan for the landfill post closure report yet. Tom plans to meet with Horizon Engineers after the first mowing in May for discussion on issues.

Cemetery cleanup is scheduled for the weekend of May 24-25, 2025. Jeanette will order flags for the veterans' burial sites. Terri confirmed the same order as last year will work. Jeanette will post notices regarding cemetery clean-up.

The Board received a letter from NH DES confirming that Ampersand's modified flow rate for the dam was approved.

The volunteer fire department will work with residents to get reflective 911 address signs for their properties. Ron is working on the price and Jeanette will provide notice with the tax bills.

Roadside cleanup, once postponed due to rain, took place on May 4, 2025. Many mattresses, tires, televisions, and trash including cans, bottles, paper, etc. were collected and taken to the transfer station.

Jeanette provided an update on FEMA and flood damage repair/mitigation, including responses to questions posed by FEMA for Blakeslee and Smith Roads. She noted for the Smith Road project that DES didn't issue an emergency permit, so the town has applied for a dredge and fill permit through our engineer, Eckman Engineering.. The Harriman/Union/Briggs roads reimbursement request is under final review by FEMA.

It was reported that UnderCanvas will not have a soft opening this year. They plan commencement of full operations in 2026. Construction is still planned for this year.

Right to know requests were submitted by Robin Pilotte.

The next Select Board meeting will be Monday, June 9, 2025.

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Jo Beth motioned to re-enter nonpublic for 2 legal issues at 8:59pm, RSA 91-A:3, II(l) and RSA 91-A:3, II(c) respectively. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Jo Beth motioned to return to public session at 9:17pm. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Jo Beth motioned to seal minutes from nonpublic sessions 3 and 4. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Jo Beth motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:17pm. Tom provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Jeanette Charon.

Minutes Approved On: 6/9/25 (date)

Jo Beth Dudley

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Thomas Dubreuil 6/9/25

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Eric Moore