

Monday, June 9, 2025 6:30 PM

Regular Session

Dalton Select Board Meeting

The hazard mitigation plan grant work is on track to be complete this summer. Meetings have been taking place each month with the next one scheduled for Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 2pm.

Jeanette provided an update on the repair and mitigation work for the roads damaged by last summer's storms, including the status of FEMA review and moving of the utility pole and lines.

Jeff Shepherd has been hired as a permanent, full time highway department employee.

Mowing municipal properties, including the cemeteries, has been ongoing. All properties were mowed and trimmed for the Memorial Day holiday weekend. Additionally, the old ballfield, old landfill, and the transfer station have been mowed. Michael Carrier asked that those who are regularly assisting be compensated for their time. Brian Parks and Aiden Young have been regulars on the team. Jo Beth stated it would be discussed during a nonpublic session. Paul Deveno asked if the employees could be hired under a 1099, leading to less paperwork and time. Jo Beth stated both Brian and Aiden are employees of the town with the volunteer fire department and it would just be adding a job category for them, and that it may be better in terms of insurance coverage for them to be town employees versus contract workers. Jeanette confirmed the process would be quick. Michael Carrier also asked if he could utilize his own truck to pull the town's lawncare trailer at times when a town truck is not available. He has the proper insurance and he can provide it to the town. Jo Beth stated that Mike should be reimbursed for mileage at the standard governmental rate when the truck is used. Jo Beth motioned for this approval, and Tom provided a second. Approval via roll call vote.

Jo Beth stated that NH DOT had provided a list of projects they will be completing this season. Route 135 from French Road to Lancaster will be resurfaced.

Jeanette noted that the report of the ground water testing for the old landfill is past due. Follow-up with Horizon Engineering is required.

Tom and Adam King visited the transfer station to review the proposed buildout of the station, allowing for much needed additional onsite storage. Tom provided a hand drawn sketch along with a verbal price for materials and labor. ~~The price quoted was \$59,143.~~ Jeanette asked if this was a contractor doing it and Tom stated yes, it would be him. The town would complete the excavation work and assist with a 6" pad w/fiber, for strength. The opening would have a 9' clearance on the low end and a 10' clearance on the high end. Rough sewn hemlock would be used for its durability and strength. The price also includes a 12' x 16' lean-to for mattresses near the construction dumpster. Tom stated the cost will be higher from others since his price includes some work items or materials coming from the town. Jeanette asked when the work is supposed to happen with Adam doing the mitigation work this summer. Jo Beth motioned for the information to be released asking Jeanette to request proposals. Tom provided a second. Tom stated that he would have to recuse himself from the process/project as a selectman since he would be providing a price for the work. Jeanette will make a copy of the sketch and see if she could obtain a couple more quotes. Jeanette confirmed we had approximately \$17,000 in the transfer station capital reserve fund.

Public comment:

Amanda Deveno asked why Tom wants to have a nonpublic session regarding the conservation commission. Tom stated he wanted to discuss his options; he doesn't know if it's a public discussion and that it's nothing about anybody. Amanda stated that there must be a reason why. Jo Beth added that if it's an update, it should be done in public. Tom stated he would scratch that item for now.

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Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Jo Beth. Select Board members Jo Beth Dudley 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, Paul Deveno, Mandy Deveno, Kurt Hall, Aiden Young, Michael Trudeau and videographer Emily Thompson. Via zoom: Pam Kathan and Carol Sheltry.

The Board signed AP and payroll checks.

The Board signed one gravel tax levy. Jo Beth motioned with a second by Tom. Approval via roll call vote.

The Board signed one intent to excavate.

The Board executed two intents to cut timber.

Jo Beth provided a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the Public Hearing of May 12, 2025. Tom provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Jo Beth motioned to approve meeting minutes from May 12, 2025. Tom provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Nonpublic minutes from sessions 1, 2, 3, and 4 were approved. Jo Beth motioned with a second provided by Tom. Approval via roll call vote.

The Karel Bean property is awaiting revisions to the deed from the town's attorney. The revisions will be requested when the recording of the mylar drawing is complete and can be referenced in the deed. The planning board approved the merger of lots for the Bean property, contingent on finalization of the sale of the ~1/2 acre lot from the Town. The public hearing for the lot merger took place on June 4, 2025.

There is no update on the closed landfill post closure report. Tom will follow up with Valerie from Horizons Engineering on the meeting date and time.

Jo Beth, on behalf of the Board along with the town administrator, executed the 2024 audit letter. Jo Beth motioned with a second from Tom. Approval through roll call vote.

Jeanette inquired with Tom about his questions for the 2024 audit. He stated he had some items needing clarification and will follow up with the information.

There was no conservation commission update from Tom. He did ask to talk about the DCC in nonpublic.

The planning board approved the Haskins' boundary line adjustment request after the public hearing on June 4, 2025. Jeanette will request the checks and take the signed mylar to the registry for recording.

Paul Deveno provided a brief update on the Host Community Agreement Committee. Next meeting is Monday, June 16, 2025. The committee will continue their discovery work.

Jeanette had a meeting with Melissa Elander from Clean Energy NH and Barrington Solar. The work was reviewed and timeline discussed. Also discussed were the project guidelines for Davis Bacon wage rates, certified payrolls, NH DOE oversight and installation and commissioning the system. Work is currently anticipated to begin late summer or early fall.

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Michael Trudeau asked about mowing of the area by the creek. Confirmation of who is responsible is needed, as Jo Beth recalled it would be volunteers. It was noted that nothing can be done yet due to the debris from last summer's storms.

Jo Beth motioned to re-enter nonpublic for highway department personnel, welfare, deeding, and legal issues at 7:37pm, RSA 91-A:3, II(b) and RSA 91-A:3, II(c). Tom provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

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

Jo Beth motioned to seal minutes from nonpublic sessions 2,3, 4 and 5. Tom provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Jo Beth announced that the Board voted to compensate individuals (as employees), such as Aiden Young and Brian Parks, for the town property mowing work they're doing.

Jo Beth motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:09pm. Tom provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Jeanette Charon.

Minutes Approved On: 6/23/25 (date)

Jo Beth Dudley

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Thomas Dubreuil

Thomas Dubreuil

Eric Moore

Eric Moore

Nonpublic Session Minutes

Town of Dalton

Date: June 9, 2025 # 1 Personnel

Members Present: Jo Beth Dudley x

Thomas Dubreuil x

Eric Moore

Motion to enter Nonpublic Session made by Jo Beth seconded by Tom

Specific Statutory Reason cited as foundation for the nonpublic session:

 RSA 91-A:3, II (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a public meeting, and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.

 x RSA 91-A:3, II(b) The hiring of any person as a public employee.

 RSA 91-A:3, II(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.

 RSA 91-A:3, II(d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are averse to those of the general community.

 RSA 91-A:3, II(e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed by or against this board or any subdivision thereof, or by or against any member thereof because of his or her membership therein, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled

 RSA 91-A:3, II(i) Consideration of matters relating to the preparation for and the carrying out of emergency functions, including training to carry out such functions, developed by local or state safety officials that are directly intended to thwart a deliberate act that is intended to result in widespread or severe damage to property or widespread injury or loss of life.

 RSA 91-A:3, II(l) Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present.

Roll Call vote to enter nonpublic session:

Jo Beth Dudley

Yes

No

Thomas Dubreuil

Yes

No

Eric Moore

Yes

No

Remove public meeting tape (if applicable).

Entered nonpublic session at 7:37 a.m. p.m.

Nonpublic Session Minutes

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Other persons present during nonpublic session: Jeanette Charon, Town Administrator, present and note taking.

Description of matters discussed, and final decisions made: The Board discussed hiring individuals, such as Brian Parks and Aiden Young to assist Michael Carrier and the Highway Department with lawncare and landscaping. These individuals work for the town with the volunteer fire department and Jeanette will add the job category to their employee profile. Rate of pay set is \$18/hour. Jo Beth motioned with a second by Tom. Approval via roll call vote.

Note: Under RSA 91-A:3, III. Minutes of proceedings in nonpublic sessions shall be kept and the record of all actions shall be promptly made available for public inspection, except as provided in this section. Minutes and decisions reached in nonpublic session shall be publicly disclosed within 72 hours of the meeting, unless, by recorded vote of 2/3 of the members present, it is determined that divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board, or render the proposed action of the board ineffective, or pertain to terrorism. In the event of such circumstances, information may be withheld until, in the opinion of a majority of members, the aforesaid circumstances no longer apply.

Motion to leave nonpublic session and return to public session by Jo Beth, seconded by Tom.

Motion: PASSED / DID NOT PASS (circle one)

Nonpublic meeting tape removed; public meeting tape replaced (if applicable).

Public session reconvened at 8:07 a.m./p.m.

Motion made to seal these minutes. If so, motion made by , seconded by , because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would

 Affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board

 Render a proposed action ineffective

 Pertains to preparation or carrying out of actions regarding terrorism

Roll Call Vote to seal minutes:	Jo Beth Dudley	Yes	No
	Thomas Dubreuil	Yes	No
	Eric Moore	Yes	No

Motion: PASSED / DID NOT PASS (circle one)

These minutes recorded by: Jeanette Charon