

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 sawn 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

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Eric Moore

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