

Monday, July 21, 2025 6:30 PM

Regular Session

Dalton Select Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm 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: Kris Ennis, Robin Pilotte, Christine Ordinetz, Kurt Hall, and Michael Ryan. Via zoom: Carol Sheltry and Cathy's iPad.

The Board signed the 2nd of four sewer tax warrants for 2025. Jo Beth motioned with a second from Tom and approval via roll call vote.

Jo Beth motioned to sign the cemetery deed presented by Jeanette. Tom provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

The Board reviewed and approved the meeting minutes from July 7, 2025. Jo Beth motioned with a second by Eric and approval via roll call vote.

Nonpublic #1 and #2 meeting minutes were presented to the Board for review and approval. Jo Beth motioned to approve with a second by Eric and approval via roll call vote.

The Board reviewed the June 2025 bank reconciliations and the transaction reports for the month of June 2025 as well as the transaction report for January through June 2025. Tom asked why Jeanette's debit card was used to purchase fuel. Jeanette responded that Adam's gas card wasn't available and fuel was needed for lawncare.

The Board was provided with a copy of the Preliminary Budget for Review for January through June 2025.

The Bean property mylar was received, signed, and recorded at the registry of deeds. Jo Beth will coordinate with legal to proceed with the quit claim deed for the sale of the ~1/2 acre of the municipal building property, as previously heard, discussed and approved by the planning board, conservation commission and select board.

The process for bad checks will be discussed at an upcoming meeting; the information Jeanette needed was not available on her computer due to an IT issue with Outlook files.

Dalton Conservation Commission: no update.

Planning Board: no update.

HCA: next meeting is Monday, July 28, 2025 at 6:30pm in the municipal building.

Jeanette would like to start meeting again with the Building Committee. September 15, 2025 at 5:30pm was chosen for the meeting. Jeanette will send a notice to all the committee members, and she'll post it on the website to invite other residents who may be interested in participating.

A discussion took place to plan the next couple meetings. Jeanette will be in certification classes the week of August 4, 2025. A short meeting of the Board will take place to sign checks and take care of any other topics that need to be addressed. Eric will not be available on August 18, 2025. The Board will plan to hold a regular meeting since a quorum will be available. September 2, 2025 is Labor Day. A plan will be discussed at an upcoming meeting for that meeting's rescheduled date.

The solar grant work is awaiting software access for the contractors. Barrington Solar will be working with NH DOE to gain that access and then proceed with the project, including pre-project inspections, delivery inspections, etc.

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The hazard mitigation program is just about complete. We have one or two more meetings prior to our facilitator completing the plan and submitting it for approval to FEMA. Jo Beth shared the meeting agenda and zoom meeting information with Tom and Eric, should they wish to participate. Jeanette will post the meeting as participatory with the Select Board.

Smith Road is nearing completion. The completion date of July 31, 2025, has not changed. There was an approximately one week delay due to utility pole and lines relocations. No extension has been requested at this time. Jeanette passed around a draft work-in-progress report received from the engineer. This was requested since a check for the contractor's first invoice was cut and signed today.

The headwalls and ditch fabric have been ordered for flood mitigation work on Dalton roads. Headwalls will start to arrive the last week of July or first week of August. Fabric is being delivered this week from a local supplier out of Littleton.

Tom asked about funding from FEMA. Jeanette let the Board know she has continued her meetings with FEMA each week. The federal side has removed all in-person FEMA teams from New Hampshire as of late June. State-side FEMA is still present and we are trying to push through project reviews with the federal side but had not been assigned new federal reps yet. The state-side is telling is the money is there and they are working on pushing it through.

Other updates included: The underground storage tank inspection was OK, with no problems noted. The Boiler was inspected last Wednesday and the report is pending. Health Trust provided the year-end balance information for the 2024 FSA. The town received the RR Tax payment from the State.

The Upton & Hatfield invoice was reviewed. Tom acknowledged that the items regarding communication with Tom and the attorney were legitimate, and the Board approved payment of the invoice.

Christine Ordinetz asked to speak regarding truck through traffic on French Road. She spoke of trucks loaded with heavy equipment using French Road as a passage way between Whitefield Road and Dalton Road. There was also a fully loaded logging truck and trailers. Robin Pilotte stated that Rodney lives and has a business of that road and he is allowed to use it. Christine wasn't opposed to resident's use. She is concerned because she just signed a check for almost \$19k for the small section to be repaved. She doesn't want it torn up by trucks that shouldn't be using the road. Jeanette let Christine know there were signs posted that clearly state that trucks are not to use the road for through-way traffic. Jeanette will confirm with Adam that signs are posted and clearly visible at both ends of the street. Relocating them to be more visibly noticed is an option. Christine asked about posing a fine for those who don't abide by the signs. The issue is policing the road and issuing the fines. The Rexfords and Lamberts have businesses on the road and also live on the road. Their use cannot be restricted. Also mentioned was the Hilltop Welding sign at the end of French Road at Dalton Road. It makes it hard to see traffic coming northbound on Dalton Road. It is secured to the telephone poll. Jeanette will speak with Adam about the sign. According to Christine and Robin, the business is no longer active. If so, the sign should be removed. If the business is still active, the sign should be moved so that it doesn't block the view of drivers turning off of French Road.

The Board was presented with a letter received from a group of attorneys in New Hampshire regarding the municipality's liability of police working with Dept. of Homeland Security and ICE. The letter was emailed to the Board upon receipt. The Board's opinion is that this won't have any effect on Dalton since we do not have a police department.

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Tom asked about the mattresses that are coming into the transfer station. They need to keep covered otherwise Casella won't take them. Jeanette will pursue other quotes for the work being proposed at the transfer station. It was agreed it would not be done anytime soon since the roadwork and mitigation work are still pending. For the time being, the mattresses will be covered with tarps. Use of a temporary shelter was suggested. Christine Ordinetz stated this works well for a couple years. Eric confirmed that he has one and it works great. A temporary shelter, similar to Shelter Logic will be investigated.

Tom also mentioned cleaning around the dumpster areas at the transfer station. This should be done regularly so the area looks better. Jo Beth stated this should be done regularly as part of working at the transfer station. This should be discussed with Adam.

Eric mentioned to Kris Ennis that the owner of the property at the turn around needs to write a letter for the state and give it to the Select Board who will attach a letter and send it to the state. This will allow them to proceed to close off the turn around located on his property on the northbound lanes of Dalton Road just south of Harriman. Kris asked that the Select Board draft the letter for the landowner to sign. The Board agreed they could draft the letter.

Jo Beth motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:44pm. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Jeanette Charon.

Minutes Approved On: 8/18/25 (date)

Jo Beth Dudley

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Thomas Dubreuil

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Eric Moore