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Monday, August 4, ~~2021~~ -- 6:30 pm
Regular Session
Dalton Select Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:31 by Jo Beth. Select Board members Jo Beth Dudley, Eric Moor and Thomas Dubreuil were physically present. Meeting available for public viewing via Zoom.

Public attendees included: Kathleen Fountain, Amanda Devano, Robin Pilotte, Pam Kathan, Michael Ryan, Mike Carrier and Warren Green. Via Zoom: Cathy's iPad.

Adam King, Road Agent, provided an update on the repair and mitigation of the roads. He and the Highway Crew have been ditching, and will be installing Headwalls when they arrive. The town will not be installing the geogrids at this time. He believes they are in good shape to continue the work before winter. The work to rebuild Smith Road is progressing well.

The town has an option to purchase a 20 ton utility trailer, which will make it more efficient for the town to move heavy equipment where it is needed -- even if there is a need in the middle of the night. The trailer is in good shape, needing only a little decking. Jo Beth motioned to purchase the utility trailer for \$2,500, Tom seconded and the motion passed by roll call vote.

Jo Beth asked Adam to put together an equipment replacement plan for the Select Board to review with the budget this fall. She noted that a 5-10 year Capital Equipment plan will help the Board with budgeting. Adam noted that the fuse panel at the Highway Garage may need to be replaced when the Solar Panels are installed.

Jo Beth motioned to approve the minutes from the 7/21/25 working session. Eric seconded and the minutes were approved by roll call vote.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the 7/21/25 non-public session #1 with a discussion on whether the minutes should have been sealed. Tom motioned to approve the minutes with a redaction, Jo Beth seconded and the motion passed by roll call vote. Tom motioned to unseal the minutes, with the redaction. Eric seconded and the motion passed by roll call vote.

The Board reviewed the minutes for the 7/21/25 non-public session #2. Jo Beth motioned to approve the minutes. Eric seconded and the motion passed by roll call vote.

Jo Beth motioned to approve the minutes from the 7/21/25 regular session. Tom had not reviewed them and requested that they be tabled until the next meeting. Eric agreed, and approval of the minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

The Board signed A/P and payroll checks; and one Intent to Cut.

Jo Beth motioned to approve a request for a one month extension for the Smith Road project. The extension through August is due to the utility company delays. Tom seconded the motion and it passed by roll call vote.

Jo Beth motioned to approve and sign a Gravel Tax Warrant. Eric seconded and the motion passed by roll call vote.

Jo Beth motioned to approve and sign a Timber Tax Warrant. Eric seconded and the motion passed by roll call vote.

Jo Beth provided an update on the sale of the ~1/2 acre parcel to Karel and Pamela Bean. The P&S agreement and the Quit Claim Deed were obtained from the attorney today, and she'll forward them to the Bean's, and the SB can execute the documents at the next meeting.

Conservation Commission Updates (Tom) -- None

Planning Board Updates (Jo Beth) -- None, next meeting is this Wednesday

HCA Updates -- None

The Board reviewed a request to allow BYOB alcohol at a function (class reunion) at the Municipal Building or the Old Town Hall. The request asked what would need to be in place to allow alcohol. Jo Beth noted that the Town has an ordinance prohibiting alcohol in public locations, but the Board could override the ordinance. She noted that last year the Board discussed safety precautions that would need to be in place for events with alcohol. Tom and Eric were not willing to consider allowing alcohol at the event.

The Board received a web-notice regarding the sale of bongs and pipes at the Dalton Country Store. The Board concurred that what the store sells is up to the purview and regulations of the State.

The Board acknowledges receipt of the anticipated Highway Block Grant disbursement of \$27,552.44.

Jo Beth reported that Jeanette started organizing documents for disposal according to the RSA for record retention, and that she'll be coming to the Select Board before disposal of Select Board records. Tom was concerned and thought the records should be secure. The records were moved into the meeting room from the Gymnasium. (Jeanette later confirmed that there were no confidential records in those boxes.)

Mandy Devano asked a question she had after reviewing previous meeting minutes. She wondered why the Board was going to the attorney for an explanation of the HCA Warrant Article, as requested by Tom. Jo Beth said the Board was not going to the attorney, that no further explanation was necessary. She confirmed with Tom that he had been able to obtain a copy of the warrant article and that his questions were answered.

Tom motioned to go into non-public session for personnel matters at 7:27 pm. Jo Beth asked for clarification, and Tom indicated he couldn't provide clarification in public session. Eric seconded the motion, and the motion passed by roll call vote with Jo Beth abstaining.

The Board re-entered public session at 7:33 pm. Tom motioned to seal the minutes from the non-public session. Eric seconded and the motion passed by roll call vote with Jo Beth voting Nay.

Jo Beth motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm. Eric seconded and the motioned passed by roll call vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Jo Beth Dudley

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

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Thomas Dubreuil

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Eric Moore