

**Monday, October 6, 2025 5:30 PM**  
**Working Session**  
**Dalton Select Board Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 5:35pm by Jo Beth. Select Board members Jo Beth Dudley, Tom Dubreuil, and Eric Moore were physically present. Town Admin, Jeanette Charon present and note taking. Meeting available for public viewing via Zoom. Via Zoom: Jon Swan

Public attendees: Amanda Deveno

The Board signed the quitclaim deed for the Bean purchase of the ~1/2 acre. The deed needed to be signed a second time due to formatting of the originally printed document.

The Board reviewed two pistol permits. Jo Beth signed the permits as chair.

The proposed budget for 2026 was reviewed and discussed. A couple questions arose, such as (1) where do we charge dispatch costs; (2) What is coded to police 01-4210-390; and (3) What has been charged to the public safety supplies code 01-4299-690?

The library budget is pending. Tax rate setting for the SAU and the County are still pending. The proposed County tax rate is with DRA.

Jeanette will recalculate the highway department wages with the anticipated wage rate increases.

There will be an additional \$30k included in the highway wage category for overtime. Adam joined by phone and reviewed items in the highway department budget. He requested the repairs & maintenance (outsourced work) be listed at \$30k.

It is anticipated that a new truck will be needed in 2027. Jo Beth suggested a discussion be held in regards to a schedule for replacement of highway equipment so the town can do long-range planning and the capital reserve contributions can be adjusted in preparation of the purchases.

Jo Beth motioned to enter nonpublic for personnel at 6:23pm. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Jo Beth motioned to re-enter public session at 6:32pm. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Jo Beth motioned to seal the minutes from nonpublic session #1 for personnel. Tom provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

The headwalls are being delivered this week. The highway department is working on riprap on Blakslee Road. Jo Beth asked Adam if an extension should be considered for additional mitigation and repair work to be completed in 2026. Adam agreed. Jeanette will need the information from Adam in to complete the time extension documents. Jeanette also reminded Adam that mitigation on the Roads II project needs to be considered.

Jeanette confirmed that Smith Road is complete.

Jo Beth asked about the mowing budget and what should be expected for next year. Jeanette will pull up the numbers.

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Jeanette brought up the need for internet service at the highway garage. The solar system needs a signal so it can be adequately monitored. Jo Beth asked if we had spoken to Fidium yet; Jeanette confirmed we had not. She will reach out to them and get pricing. VoIP phones are also an option, as discussed previously.

Jeanette will make the discussed adjustments for Monday's working session on the budget.

Jo Beth motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:50pm. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Jeanette Charon.

Minutes Approved On: 11/10/25 (date)

Jo Beth Dudley

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Thomas Dubreuil

Eric Moore

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