

Monday, October 20, 2025 5:30 PM
Working Session
Dalton Select Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm by Jo Beth. Select Board members Jo Beth Dudley and Eric Moore were physically present. Town Admin, Jeanette Charon present and note taking. Meeting available for public viewing via Zoom. Adam King, Road Agent, was present to discuss the 2026 budget and capital improvements for the highway department. Via Zoom: Jon Swan

Public attendees: Tom Arrison

The Board signed the Avitar contract, as approved at the prior meeting.

No seasonal labor is expected to be requested in the payroll budget for the highway. Maintenance for town owned equipment will continue. This helps avoid breakdowns and more costly repairs when there is a breakdown. Adam asked for permission for town employees to utilize the town's account to obtain work boots instead of purchasing them on their own and then submitting for reimbursement. Jeanette stated concern about overspending and putting the town at risk. Adam confirmed he would approve any purchases ahead of time in order to avoid that situation. The Board agreed this would be acceptable. The Board reviewed and discussed the capital budget requirements for replacing equipment in the future. Jo Beth will enter the information into a spreadsheet to allow for straightforward planning going forward.

The public hearing for unanticipated funds was called to order at 6:23 pm. \$233,255.30 was received on September 25, 2025. The funds will remain in the town's general funds until town meeting when a warrant article and vote will take place deciding where the funds will be placed/used. Jo Beth motioned to accept these funds, Eric provided a second and the motion passed by roll call vote.

The board's working session commenced at 6:25 pm.

The time extension application was discussed for the FEMA repair and mitigation work. Adam provided Jeanette with a list of roads and their completion status. Jeanette will review and compare the information with her records and request additional information from Adam, if necessary.

Jeanette will also be seeking additional grant funds from the state's Dept. of Homeland Security for costs not covered by FEMA.

Owin, highway equipment operator, is working on obtaining his CDL, as required in his employment offer. He needs to make an appointment to take the test.

Jo Beth motioned to enter nonpublic for personnel at 6:40pm. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Jo Beth motioned to return to public session at 6:45pm. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Jo Beth motioned to seal the minutes with a second provided by Eric. Approval was obtained through roll call vote.

Jo Beth asked about a fee for monitoring the SCADA board at the sewer's pumping station. Jeanette will check and report back.

The 2026 anticipated budget for the library still has not been received. The number currently plugged is an estimate. Jeanette will request the information again from the library.

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The Board discussed this year's expenses and the budget for mowing, and determined how best to handle mowing costs in the chart of accounts going forward (subaccounts under government buildings and cemetery will be created and the costs will be split between the two subaccounts).

Jo Beth motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:12pm. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Jeanette Charon.

Minutes Approved On: 12/8/25 (date)

Jo Beth Dudley

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Eric Moore