

Monday, November 10, 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 and Eric Moore were present. Town Admin, Jeanette Charon present and note taking. Meeting available for public viewing via Zoom.

Public attendees: Brian Parks, Terri Parks, and Michael Carrier. Via Zoom: Carol Sheltry.

The Board signed payroll and AP checks.

Jeanette presented a land use change tax warrant for Board approval and signature. Jo Beth motioned with a second from Eric. Approval via roll call vote.

The Dalton Conservation Commission (DCC) requested the Board consider the re-appointment of Nancy Comeau to the DCC in a previous meeting. The Board signed the Oath of Office completed by Jeanette with Nancy.

Jo Beth executed two pistol permits.

Jeanette Charon, on behalf of the Dalton Neighbors Group, submitted a permit for use of town property for the groups "beat the winter blues" meals series from November through March. Jo Beth approved and signed the permit.

Meeting minutes from October 6, 2025 were presented. Jo Beth motioned for approval with Eric providing a second. Approval via roll call vote.

Nonpublic #1 meeting minutes from October 6, 2025 were reviewed and approved by the board. Jo Beth motioned with a second from Eric. Approval via roll call vote.

The temporary shelter has been installed at the transfer station. There has been a slight change as to what is being stored in the temporary shelter at the transfer station. Electronics will go into the shelter with mattresses going into the metal storage container, which may be moved over to the area by the demo dumpster.

Fidium Fiber will be installing fiber at the municipal building, fire station, and highway garage on Tuesday, November 25, 2025.

North Star Canine plans to start holding dog training classes in December or January. Their insurance certificate has been received and we are just awaiting their planned schedule of use.

Brian Parks reported that the cemetery gates are complete. Signs have been ordered to inform people the cemeteries are closed to vehicle traffic for the winter. Walk-in visits are acceptable. Rocks were placed at the John's River cemetery at the sign and on each side of the driveway to prevent people from driving around the gate. If vehicle access is necessary, Terri or Brian Parks can be contacted directly.

The trash at the fence-line at Cushman cemetery has been cleaned up with the new property owners.

Terri Parks reviewed the proposal from Mark Vander Heyden for the survey work at John's Cemetery for new plot markings. She will facilitate the work with Mark.

Andrew Hatch from Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH) was present to explain the agreements requiring approval and execution by the town as the next step in launching Dalton Community

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Power. Jeanette will send the documents to the board members for their review prior to meeting again to sign the documents and designate a contact person.

The Dalton Neighbors group met with Spartans on a Mission group, high school students from White Mountain Regional H.S. who are dedicated to helping foster a growing healthy community. The group mentioned putting on a Nightmare Before Christmas haunted house fundraiser in the municipal building, in partnership with the Dalton Neighbors. Jo Beth and Eric both agreed this would be a fun and worthwhile event for the town. Jeanette stated it would be on a Sunday in December but the exact date had not been chosen yet.

The Department of Revenue Administration contacted Jeanette to discuss the preliminary tax rate. After reviewing the revenues (MS434), overlay and fund balance. A preliminary tax rate was set by the DRA of \$17.47 with an overlay of \$25,000 and a fund balance of \$305,776. After discussion, the board made the decision to reduce the overlay to \$20,000, reduce the fund balance to \$250,776, and they set the rate at \$17.07 per \$1000. They felt that this fund balance was as low as they could responsibly go, and still have enough contingency funds in case of an emergency. Jo Beth motioned for approval with Eric providing a second. Approval via roll call vote. Jeanette will submit the new rate to the DRA for final approval. Eric is not available to sign the warrant, so Jeanette will let Jo Beth and Tom know when DRA approves the final rate so the warrant can be executed and tax bills can be generated, printed, stuffed, stamped and mailed. They will also be uploaded to the online tax kiosk. Jo Beth asked if a working session should be scheduled for Thursday or Monday, but Jeanette didn't think that would be necessary. A tentative meeting will be posted for Thursday at 4:30, but it shouldn't be necessary unless DRA makes changes to the tax rate. Jo Beth motioned to have the board execute the tax warrant, pending no changes by the Dept. of Revenue. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Jo Beth motioned to approve the renewal from Health Trust for 2026. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call vote. Jo Beth executed the document on behalf of the board.

There were no updates for the Building Committee.

The DCC asked the select board to sign a letter in support of Bethlehem and their decision to vote against the expansion of the NCES landfill as well as the current legislation pending to remove town control over placement of future landfills. Jo Beth motioned to approve the Board signing the letter. Eric asked how supporting Bethlehem would help Dalton. Jo Beth stated that it's the neighborly thing to do. Jo Beth asked if he would at least sign a letter supporting their stance on the pending town control legislation. Eric did not want to sign the letter. He wasn't willing to sign the letter regarding the pending legislation changes either.

The planning board had a new property owner with property on Tucker Road. He questioned whether the section of the road at his property was Class V or Class VI, and if it is a town road. Michael Carrier, former highway employee, believes the town only manages the road at Route 142 in approximately 500ft. Terri Parks stated she would see if she could find any information on this.

The Host Community Agreement Committee met on November 3, 2025. Wendy will be seeking options for legal council to assist in negotiating the agreement, when that time comes.

The solar array is in place. Eversource should have completed their work at this time. Barrington Solar will be onsite to startup the system. The building's WIFI will be installed on Tuesday, November 25, 2025. Jeanette spoke with NH DES regarding the reimbursement submittal. That will be submitted well before year-end.

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The town was informed by the town of Littleton that they will no longer be taking Dalton's recycling materials effective January 1, 2026. Jeanette has placed a call into their town manager as well as NH Recycles to speak about options going forward. Additionally, the town of Monroe reached out to Dalton to inquire about options for a partnership as well.

Jeanette asked the Board if they would be willing to donate the old computer monitors to the building's Computer Lab, in process of being launched. Jo Beth and Eric were both in agreement that this would be a good use of the monitors since they have already been replaced and are in good working order. Jo Beth motioned for approval with a second from Eric. Approval via roll call vote.

The NH Dept. of Environmental Services has launched another opportunity for truck/machine replacement. Jeanette will look into the opportunity for replacing a highway truck or two.

Primex has provided the renewal rates for 2026. The combined increase for property/liability and worker's compensation is \$54 for the year. There is nothing needed to be signed at this time.

Jo Beth motioned to enter nonpublic session #1 for legal at 8:51pm. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Jo Beth motioned to re-enter public session at 8:55pm. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

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

Jo Beth motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:56pm. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Jo Beth motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:41pm. 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

