

Monday, March 16, 2026 @ 6:30 PM
Regular Session
Dalton Select Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Jo Beth. Select Board members Jo Beth Dudley, Eric Moore and Warren Green were present. Meeting available for public viewing via Zoom.

Public attendees: Tom Dubreuil, Pam Kathan, Ron Sheltry, Jen Green, Cathleen Fountain, Bob Fountain, Mandy Deveno, Paul Deveno, Jessica Williams, Kris Ennis, Kyle MacBean, Terri Parks, and Mike Carrier. Via Zoom: Carol Sheltry.

Jo Beth thanked the election officials and workers for making the election and town meeting successful.

Jo Beth asked if Warren had been sworn in; Jeanette confirmed.

Jo Beth asked Warren if he wanted to be chair. He declined. Eric motioned for Jo Beth to be chair. Warren provided a second. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Board liaison positions were discussed regarding the planning board and conservation commission. Warren chose the conservation commission. Jo Beth stated she had a conflict for some Wednesday evening meetings for the planning board. She asked Eric if he would take that position. Eric accepted with Jo Beth stating she would cover for any meetings Eric couldn't attend. She expressed the importance of the liaison being at the meetings to bring information back to the select board. Jo Beth motioned for liaison assignments with Eric providing a second and approval via roll call vote.

New bank documents were executed removing Tom Dubreuil and adding Warren Green to the bank accounts as signers.

Jo Beth and Eric signed AP and payroll checks. Warren reviewed the checks with backup timesheets and invoices. Jo Beth asked about truck repair invoice details. Jeanette confirmed they were all for the 2017 Ford F550. Jo Beth asked if we were done with the Charter Communication invoices. Jeanette stated we were not done yet since we have a few lines that still need to be switched over, including our fax line. Jo Beth asked about Consolidated Communications invoices; Jeanette stated that Fidium is Consolidated Communications.

Jeanette presented the MS-232 (appropriations approved at Town Meeting) to the board for review and execution. Jo Beth motioned to approve and execute the document. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

The board was presented with two land use change tax (LUCT) warrants for their signature. Jo Beth motioned to approve and sign the warrants. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Jeanette provided a pole license request from Eversource. Through Jeanette's research, it didn't appear that the board had any action to take; however, Jeanette hadn't received one before and she wanted to put it in front of the board to be sure. The application was not signed by the applicant. Jeanette will request a signed application and then proceed with approving it and sending it to the planning board and conservation commission for their records.

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The meeting minutes from February 12, 2026, budget hearing were provided for review and signature. Jo Beth motioned for approval with Eric providing a second. Warren withheld his vote as he was not a board member at the time of the hearing.

The unanticipated funds public hearing and select board meeting minutes from March 2, 2026, were provided for review and signature. Jo Beth motioned to approve the minutes. Eric provided a second. Warren withheld his vote as he was not a board member at the time of the meeting.

Jeanette provided the support letter for Jo Beth's signature. This letter supports the SB530 pending legislation to continue municipal net metering and is in response to the request from Clean Energy NH. Board approval for Jo Beth to sign on behalf of the Board was obtained at the March 2, 2026, board meeting.

The Board reviewed an abutter notice from Northumberland for the construction of a communications tower. The Board declined to take action, given the distance between Northumberland and Dalton.

Jeanette provided the board with the February bank reconciliations and transaction report.

Kyle had no update on the transfer station. Jo Beth spoke about the benefits of having a transfer station committee who could look into different options and ideas that would help run the station efficiently and effectively for the town, and provide support for Kyle. Jo Beth believes that town's blue bags were removed prematurely from the town store; she believes more information should have been collected prior to making a quick move. Kyle disagreed and stated that volume has fallen drastically since the bags have been pulled back. Bob Fountain asked if the store was verifying who they were selling the bags to and were they only town residents. Kyle asked if the store confirmed they were only Dalton residents. Jeanette stated that the store owner, Sam, knows who lives in VT as opposed to Dalton. She was unsure if he asked for an ID when selling the bags or not. Resident Jessica Williams, was present to express her interest in being on the committee. Jessica also mentioned that Gal Potashnik would be interested. Jo Beth suggested that we post to the town website seeking volunteers for the committee. Jeanette stated she would make a post asking for volunteers. Eric stated that it's hard to find people. Jo Beth mentioned that Carol Sheltry would be interested as well. Jeanette will send an email to the individuals who have already shown interest so a meeting can be scheduled. Jeanette will post the meeting once a date and time have been determined. Jo Beth added that it would be a good idea for a board member to also be on the committee. Jo Beth motioned for there to be a transfer station committee formed with Jessica Williams as chair. Jessica stated that perhaps her and Kyle can co-chair. Jo Beth stated that the committee could be formed and then they can choose a chair. Jessica agreed to that option.

Jo Beth motioned to change our legal counsel back to Mitchell Municipal Group. The issues we have encountered with Upton & Hatfield have been dealt with for too long. We have dealt with billing issues and unreasonably long waits for responses to legal questions, sometimes having to ask more than once for an answer. Warren asked for data on rates from firms and response time information. Jo Beth stated that rates wouldn't be an issue, but it would be difficult to provide response time information since it varies based on the issue and research required to give a reply.

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Jeanette asked the board if they wanted her to collect the information on billing rates and contractual language as well as references. Jo Beth confirmed.

There is no update for the conservation commission as they meet Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 6pm.

The planning board held a public hearing for the Nelson minor subdivision on Faraway Road. Abutters had concerns over the submitted drawings not including wetland and stream information. The subdivision was tentatively approved pending those changes on the plans. The public hearing was held for the Kenison minor subdivision on Hall Road, with the Planning Board requiring 3 minor corrections on the survey map. The subdivision request was approved pending those changes. The last public hearing was for the Haskins lot line adjustment on Tucker Road. The planning board required that a note be added to the plan for the Haskin adjustment to include that the road is only town maintained to a certain point – and then it is the land owner's responsibility. The lot line adjustment was approved pending that change. Kris Ennis added that she spoke with multiple people regarding the Nelson drawings and they were satisfied with the planning board's requirement for the added wetland and stream information.

The Host Community Agreement committee has its next meeting on Monday, March 23, 2026, at 6pm. Paul Deveno was present to discuss the revised letter received from Granite State Landfill (GSL) regarding the reimbursement language for legal expenses incurred by working on the host community agreement. Jo Beth showed Warren a copy of the letter. Jo Beth motioned to accept the revised letter of clarification. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

The reimbursement for the solar array grant has been received in full.

The hazard mitigation grant work is almost complete with the final draft being received by the board and committee for their final review. Jeanette will send the plan to Warren for his review. A meeting amongst the group can be scheduled to discuss comments. It was agreed the group would meet on Monday, March 23, 2026, at 5:30pm at the municipal building. Jeanette did bring up possible issues with oil and fuel in the north country. A resident had sent her the inquiry and she agreed to bring it to the group working on the plan. Ron Sheltry stated that would be something the emergency operations plan would address.

We are still waiting on the other number (second quote) for the dump truck so that we can apply for the grant. At this time, the grant closes on March 30, 2026, or once all funds have been expended.

The fire department tanker truck has been included in Senator Shaheen's Congressionally Directed Spending Grant which has been submitted. There is no current timeline on when we can expect an answer or when we would receive funding. It could be 1-2 years.

Jeanette asked about the response to Mandy's right to know regarding conversation the board had with legal from January 2025 through February 2026. Jo Beth confirmed we would review the legal bills for possible redactions and use those to respond. Jeanette will gather those invoices for the board's review.

Jeanette provided a February legal invoice for approval. There is a balance due from October that Jeanette was told was paid. She will look into the invoices and payments again to see if it is due or

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not. Jo Beth motioned to approve payment of only the current invoice (February charges). Eric provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Eric asked if Owin obtained his CDL yet. Jeanette wasn't sure but stated she would ask Adam.

Public Comment:

Ron Sheltry stated that Under Canvas has hired a general manager and an assistant manager. They anticipate having construction commence at the site in April 2026. They plan to open the month of June, if possible. Ron stated that they intend to provide a tour for Fire/EMS and town officials prior to their opening.

Kris Ennis asked if it was possible to have public comments allowable throughout the meeting. Some residents find it helpful to ask questions or provide input during topic conversations prior to the board making decisions. Jo Beth stated that she was open to trying that as long as it doesn't get out of hand; she does try to allow people an opportunity for input throughout the meeting. Eric and Warren were both in agreement.

Jo Beth motioned to go into nonpublic for personnel at 7:52pm. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Jo Beth motioned to go back into public session at 8:13pm. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Jo Beth motioned to seal nonpublic #1 minutes. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Jo Beth motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Jeanette Charon.

Minutes Approved On: 3/23/26 (date)

Jo Beth Dudley

Jo Beth Dudley

Eric Moore

Warren Green

Warren Green

Nonpublic Session Minutes

Town of Dalton

Date: March 16, 2026 # 2 Personnel

Members Present: Jo Beth Dudley x

Eric Moore x

Warren Green x

Motion to enter Nonpublic Session made by Jo Beth seconded by Eric

Specific Statutory Reason cited as foundation for the nonpublic session:

x RSA 91-A:3, II (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a public meeting, and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.

 RSA 91-A:3, II(b) The hiring of any person as a public employee.

 RSA 91-A:3, II(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.

 RSA 91-A:3, II(d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are averse to those of the general community.

 RSA 91-A:3, II(e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed by or against this board or any subdivision thereof, or by or against any member thereof because of his or her membership therein, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled

 RSA 91-A:3, II(i) Consideration of matters relating to the preparation for and the carrying out of emergency functions, including training to carry out such functions, developed by local or state safety officials that are directly intended to thwart a deliberate act that is intended to result in widespread or severe damage to property or widespread injury or loss of life.

 RSA 91-A:3, II(l) Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present.

Roll Call vote to enter nonpublic session:	Jo Beth Dudley	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
	Eric Moore	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
	Warren Green	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No

Remove public meeting tape (if applicable).

Entered nonpublic session at 7:52 a.m. p.m.

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Other persons present during nonpublic session: Jeanette Charon, Town Administrator, present and note taking.

Description of matters discussed, and final decisions made: A discussion was held regarding adjusting the pay for employees based on the approved budget. Jeanette will prepare the payroll documents for the board to review, discuss and appropriately approve at the next meeting.

Note: Under RSA 91-A:3, III. Minutes of proceedings in nonpublic sessions shall be kept and the record of all actions shall be promptly made available for public inspection, except as provided in this section. Minutes and decisions reached in nonpublic session shall be publicly disclosed within 72 hours of the meeting, unless, by recorded vote of 2/3 of the members present, it is determined that divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board, or render the proposed action of the board ineffective, or pertain to terrorism. In the event of such circumstances, information may be withheld until, in the opinion of a majority of members, the aforesaid circumstances no longer apply.

Motion to leave nonpublic session and return to public session by Jo Beth, seconded by Eric.

Motion: PASSED / DID NOT PASS (circle one)

Nonpublic meeting tape removed; public meeting tape replaced (if applicable).

Public session reconvened at 8:13 a.m./(p.m.)

Motion made to seal these minutes. If so, motion made by , seconded by , because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would

 Affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board

 Render a proposed action ineffective

 Pertains to preparation or carrying out of actions regarding terrorism

Roll Call Vote to seal minutes:	Jo Beth Dudley	Yes	No
	Eric Moore	Yes	No
	Warren Green	Yes	No

Motion: ~~PASSED~~ / DID NOT PASS (circle one)

These minutes recorded by: Jeanette Charon