

Town of Dalton
Town Meeting
March 10, 2026

Jay Ennis, Moderator, called meeting to order at 7:06pm.

Jay Ennis led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance.

An introduction of the Select Board members Jo Beth Dudley, Eric Moore, and Tom Dubreuil, and legal counsel Nathan Midolo was made.

Jay delivered purpose of the meeting and the rules of procedure.

Article 1: Election of Officers

To elect all necessary officers for the year.
Town Election took place between 8am and 7pm.

Select Board for 3 years: **Warren Green 183**
 Pamela Kathan 86

Write-ins: None

Moderator: **James Ennis 226**

Write-ins: Don Mechand (1); Pamela Kathan (1); Mickey Mouse (1)

Supervisor of the Checklist Cathleen Fountain 219

Write-ins: Christine Ordinetz (1); Olive Oil (1); Tom Dubreuil (1); Don Merchand (1); Donald Trump (1); Karen Laroche (1)

Library Trustee for 3 years: **Catherine Harriman 9**

Write-ins: Cat Harriman (7); Kat (2); Kat Harriman (4); Cathleen Harriman (3); Cathy Harriman (2); Doris (1); Doris Mitton (4); Cathleen Fountain (5); Mike Stark (1); Mr. Bookman (1); Robin Pilotte (1); Ellen Greaves (1); Carol Jobe (1); Nancy Comeau (1); Don Merchand (1); Heather Watkins (1); Tom Dubreuil (1)

Planning Board for 3 years: **Carl Lindquist 208**

Write-ins: Superman (1); Pete Hegseth (1); Amanda Deveno (1)

Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 years: **Christine Ordinetz 199**

Write-ins: My Dog (1); Cathleen Fountain (1)

Article 2: Operating Budget

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Two Hundred Ninety-five Thousand, Seven Hundred Thirty-six Dollars (\$1,295,736) for the General Town Operations.

Motion to move by Jo Beth Dudley, second by Eric Moore.

Jo Beth discussed the budget along with the capital expenditure plans for both the highway and fire department trucks. She briefly explained the tax rate setting process, noting that less than one third of the tax rate is the municipal portion. The majority of the tax rate is due to the County and the School District taxes. Jeanette provided slides showing the Dalton municipal tax rate and total tax rate compared to other municipalities with similar assessments, and to surrounding

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towns. The only surrounding town with a lower municipal tax rate is Carroll, which contains Bretton Woods, the Omni Mount Washington, and many high-priced condominiums.

Jeanette showed slides with the information on the flood expenditures from 2024 and 2025 while Jo Beth provided background information. Details on the reimbursements received from FEMA were provided with suggested allocations for replenishing the paving capital reserve fund, replacing funds used for equipment repair to the highway equipment fund, and placing additional funds in the highway and fire department vehicle capital reserve funds to better prepare the town for the anticipate upcoming replacement of vehicles in both of those departments, based on the capital expenditure plans. Jay, our moderator, asked if there were any public comments on the warrant article. With no comments from the residents, the article went to hand vote.

Article passes by majority hand vote to approve the budget as proposed for \$1,295,736.

Article 3: Town Building CRF

To see if the Town of Dalton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to be added to the Town Owned Buildings Improvement, Expansion and Renovation Capital Reserve Fund.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this warrant article. (Majority vote required)

Motion to move by Eric Moore, second by Jo Beth Dudley

No Discussion

Article passes by majority hand vote.

Article 4: Sewer Pump CRF

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to be added to the Sewer Pump Renovation and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund.

Select Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Motion to move by Jo Beth Dudley, second by Eric Moore

No Discussion

Article passes by majority hand vote.

Article 5: Highway Dept CRF

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000) to be added to the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Select Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Motion to move by Eric Moore, second by Jo Beth Dudley

Jo Beth discussed the Highway Department Capital Improvement Plan, and Jeanette displayed slides showing projected CRF funds available for upcoming equipment replacements based on contributing either \$25,000 or \$55,000 per year, and assuming an additional \$100,000 contribution this year from FEMA reimbursement funds. It was noted if the town doesn't put more funds into the CRF, we will have to take out a large bond and pay more interest in future years.

No Discussion

Article passes by majority hand vote.

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Article 6: Paving CRF

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be added to the Paving Capital Reserve Fund.

Select Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Motion to move by Jo Beth Dudley, second by Eric Moore

No Discussion

Article passes by majority hand vote.

Article 7: Fire Dept Vehicle Equipment CRF

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000) to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Select Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

Motion to move by Eric Moore, second by Jo Beth Dudley

Jo Beth discussed the Fire Department Vehicle Capital Improvement Plan, and Jeanette displayed slides showing projected CRF funds available for upcoming equipment replacements based on contributing either \$25,000 or \$55,000 per year, and assuming an additional \$100,000 contribution this year from FEMA reimbursement funds. It was noted if the town doesn't put more funds into the CRF, we will have to take out a large bond and pay more interest in future years. Ron Sheltry, Fire Chief, provided a summary of the need for replacement vehicles.

No Discussion

Article passes by majority hand vote.

Article 8: Fire/EMS Equipment CRF

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Fire/EMS Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

The Select Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Motion to move by Jo Beth Dudley, second by Eric Moore.

No Discussion

Article passes by majority hand vote.

Article 9: Legal Fund CRF

To see if the Town of Dalton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Legal Fund CRF previously established.

The Select Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Motion to move by Eric Moore, second by Jo Beth Dudley.

Wendy Roberts asked how much was in the capital reserve fund already established. Jeanette replied \$21,145.00.

Article passes by majority hand vote.

Article 10: Veterans Credit Adjustment per HB99

To see if the Town of Dalton is in favor of increasing the Veteran's Special Disabled Property Tax Credit to \$1,900 from \$1,400 under the provisions of RSA 72:35. The purpose of this increase is

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to replace the loss of the Veteran's Property Tax Credit (RSA 72:28) of \$500 that they are no longer eligible for due to a change in the State of New Hampshire legislative rules (HB99). (Majority Vote Required). Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Motion to move by Jo Beth Dudley, second by Eric Moore.
No Discussion

Article Passes by majority hand vote.

Article 11: Replenish Capital Reserve Funds Used for Flood Repairs

To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Seventy-seven Thousand, Five Hundred dollars \$377,500 to be added to the Paving Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. This represents funds received from FEMA for the July 2024 disaster. The Selectboard Recommends this warrant. Majority vote required.

Motion to move by Eric Moore, second by Jo Beth Dudley.
No Discussion

Article passes by majority hand vote.

Article 12: Replace Funds Taken from CRF for Flood Related Repairs

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand, Four Hundred \$11,400 to be added to the Highway Dept. Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This contribution to be made with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. This represents funds received from FEMA for the July 2024 disaster. Select Board recommends this article. Majority vote required.

Motion to move by Jo Beth Dudley, second by Eric Moore.
No Discussion

Article passes by majority hand vote.

Article 13: Contribute to the Highway Dept. Vehicle Capital Reserve Account

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars \$100,000 to be added to the Highway Department Capital Reserve Account previously established. Said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. This represents funds received from FEMA for the July 2024 disaster. The Select Board recommends this article. Majority vote required.

Motion to move by Eric Moore, second by Jo Beth Dudley.
No Discussion

Article passes by majority hand vote.

Article 14: Contribute to the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Account

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars \$100,000 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Account previously established. Said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. This represents funds received from FEMA for the July 2024 disaster. The Select Board recommends this article. Majority vote required.

Motion to move by Jo Beth Dudley, second by Eric Moore.
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Article passes by majority hand vote.

Article 15: Other Business

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

No other business.

Jay Ennis, Moderator, motioned to adjourn the meeting. Select Board members provided a second. Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

Janette J. Charon *3-16-2026*
Town Clerk.