

Monday, April 27, 2026 @ 6:30 PM

Regular Session

Dalton Select Board Meeting

The minutes from the select board meeting on April 13, 2026, were just emailed to the board for individual review this morning. The minutes will be discussed at the next meeting at the request of the board.

Nonpublic meeting minutes 1, 2, and 3 were reviewed by the board. One minor typo was corrected on the minutes for session #3. Jo Beth motioned to approve all three sessions of minutes. Warren provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Jeanette provided the account reconciliations and transactions reports for March as well as 1st quarter 2026. Unreconciled checks that are old will be turned over to the state as unclaimed property. Jeanette spoke to the bookkeeper regarding a few items that had cleared and should come off the uncleared checks for next month. Jo Beth asked about tax bills being sent out via PDF/email. Jeanette confirmed that is all setup. People can see her to sign up or do it online when they make an online payment. A confirmation must be replied to so that the bills no longer are printed and then mailed. Hopefully postage will decrease going forward with people opting in for the PDF tax bills. Jo Beth mentioned specific account spending that appears to be ahead of schedule for the highway department. Jeanette stated that she did send the 1st quarter transaction reports to Ron and Adam so they're aware of their department's spending. Warren stated it was a lot of numbers and he may have to come in and review them with Jeanette sometime. Jeanette told him that was fine.

The is no update on the flooring repairs.

KRT, our assessor, wasn't in last week. Jeanette will talk with him about assessing businesses when he comes in; it should be this week.

The building committee will meet on Monday, May 4, 2026 at 5:30pm.

The conservation commission discussed the roadside cleanup for the most part, according to Eric's message received today. Their next meeting is May 19, 2025 at 6pm. Eric will start attending these meetings as the Select Board liaison.

The planning board meets again on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 7pm. Warren will start attending these meetings as the Select Board liaison.

The host community agreement committee met tonight before the board meeting. The committee spoke with NH Brown Law regarding the use of their firm for preparing the host community agreement with Casella for GSL. The committee voted to ask for a letter of engagement from the firm to be reviewed by the select board at their next meeting which is being held on Monday, May 18, 2026 at 5:30pm.

Kris Ennis reported that the trustees of the trust funds have instituted a sweep account for their account funds. Additionally, they invested \$197k into a 6-month CD @ 3.6%. \$50,000 remains in the trustees' regular checking account for use by the town, if requested. Funds invested in the CD can be withdrawn if necessary and will result in the town losing a portion or all of the interest earned with no other penalties. Funds in the sweep account will earn 2.35% interest.

The hazard mitigation plan is complete and we are just waiting on the cancelled check for the final payment so we can submit for reimbursement through the awarded grant. The formal copy of the plan arrived in today's mail and is in the select board office.

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

Public attendees: Tom Dubreuil, Kris Ennis, Emily Thompson, Amanda Deveno, Paul Deveno, Gal Potashnick, Jessica Williams, Kyle MacBean, Nancy Strand, Mary Moritz, and Mike Carrier. Via Zoom: Carol Sheltry and Pamela Kathan.

Nancy Strand (Select Board member) and Mary Moritz (Administrator) from Bethlehem were present to briefly discuss options for partnering with them at their future transfer station expected to open sometime between December 2026 and July 2027. The station is anticipated to have plenty of space for storage and recycling operations and Bethlehem is open to working with Dalton, so that Dalton can utilize it once it opens. Bethlehem received a large congressional spending grant that will be used to build the facility, along with funds saved in a capital reserve fund. Ultimately, they may be able to assist with trash as well. Bethlehem has not started their construction phase yet and is working with their conceptual design and preparing to look at permitting requirements. They are looking into a compactor that doesn't require 3-phase power, and they will be hiring a Transfer Station Manager who will be responsible for finding markets for their recyclable material. The future discussions will include costs, charges, etc. The Bethlehem transfer station committee meets and invited the Dalton committee to join them at a future meeting. Gal and Jessica will make contact with Nancy and Mary. Jo Beth suggested touching base every couple of months.

There were no recycling updates from Kyle. Jo Beth asked Tom Dubreuil about the compactor Groveton uses. Tom stated they replace them regularly and they may need pistons repacked but the town could likely get them fairly cheap. Jo Beth asked Kyle to check into the price for the compactor. She also asked if we could repack the pistons and Kyle stated it could be taken to a hydraulic facility in Littleton.

The Board signed payroll and AP checks.

One intent to excavate were presented for signature.

Jeanette presented Jon Swan's oath of office for his reappointment to the conservation commission. The Board signed the oath as the appointing parties.

The second quarter sewer tax warrant was provided to the board for signature. Jo Beth motioned with a second provided by Warren. Approval via roll call vote. Lunenburg included a notice with the bill stating there would be a substantial increase on the next bill. Jeanette has inquired about the anticipated increase for the Dalton residents. She has not heard back yet. She will inform the affected residents once she has the information from Lunenburg. Warren asked if this was paid annually. Jeanette confirmed it was quarterly. We have had residents ask why they pay for sewer when they don't have water. She told them that they are hooked up to the system and therefore have to pay for the service.

Jo Beth signed one pistol permit.

The board briefly discussed, approved and signed the 15-year Charter Communications franchise agreement, based on the evaluation provided by legal counsel. Jo Beth motioned with a second from Warren and approval via roll call vote.

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We are working on submitting a grant application for a highway truck with the help of Clean Energy NH. Melissa is pulling items together for us to submit for a grant that covers \$250k of our truck quoted to cost \$460k. The town will be responsible for the balance. Jeanette stated that the deadline is the last of each month. She asked if the board wanted to give her permission to sign the grant application so that it could be submitted this month. Warren motioned with Jo Beth providing a second. Approval roll call vote.

There is no update on the congressionally directed spending grant application for a new fire tanker.

FEMA repair work will be getting under way soon. We received a payment from FEMA for \$88,472.51 for the last two invoices outstanding from 2025 work completed. The award letters for these invoices were incorrect – where FEMA used the federal portion to make the award calculation and removed an additional 25% from the total due. Stateside FEMA is looking into the issue to get the corrected award letters issued and paid.

An update on SB538 for municipal net metering for solar passed the senate with a revised 15-year stay for municipalities in lieu of the original 20-year stay. NHMA is hoping the original stay goes back into place prior to the bill moving forward.

The 2025 annual audit is starting this week.

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

Jo Beth motioned to re-enter public session at 8:14pm. Warren provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Jo Beth motioned to seal nonpublic minutes #1 and #2. Warren provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

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

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Jeanette Charon.

Minutes Approved On: 5/11/26 (date)

Jo Beth Dudley

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Eric Moore

Warren Green

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