

The Select Board held a meeting on Monday July 9, 2012, at the Dalton Municipal Building

PRESENT: Select Board Members Victor St.Cyr, Kevin Whittum Sr, Julia Simonds

**Pledge**

**Motion:** *by Select Board Member Whittum to accept the minutes as posted*

**Second:** *by Select Board Member Simonds*

**Vote:** 3-0-0

Chairman St.Cyr - opened the public hearing for the Hazardous Mitigation Plan.

No questions were asked by the public.

Chairman St.Cyr - read the resolution adopting the Dalton Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**Motion:** *by Chairman St.Cyr to adopt the resoluting approving the Dalton Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for 2012.*

**Second:** *by Select Board Member Whittum*

**Vote:** 3-0-0

Chairman St.Cyr, Emergency Management Director and Fire Chief Ronald Sheltry signed the approvals.

Robert Blanchette and Bob Wentworth presented and explained plans and a materials list to the Board for a general layout for slabs and building covers for the demo, metal and garbage bag containers at the transfer station.

Chairman St.Cyr - questioned if they had heard anything about the new operation in Bethlehem for recycling. This should be looked into.

Robert Blanchette - had not heard anything but will check into it.

Chairman St.Cyr - We should put this out to bid. 1 bid for the cement work and 1 for construction.

Bob Wentworth - We could do this but we would have to take time away from working on the roads.

Chairman St.Cyr - You need to give us an updated material list with no prices and draft some plans. We will meet again next Monday to go over this.

Chief Sheltry - The new rig is being lettered. We used it on a call and it worked great.

Anna Gilbody - read a statement to be put into the minutes:

I am stating for the record that the Board of Selectmen are incompetent to run this town. When we received a new vehicle in the highway department a statement was made that the most important thing is that this machine be waxed. Adamant about this.

But on the other hand we have a fence that has been down since June 13. The DES states you have 48 hours to replace a security system, after that there is a potential fine of \$5,000 a day.

This fence has been down for 26 days. The biggest problem is not waxing a piece of equipment but the protection and safety of this town against lawsuits or unnecessary fines.

This Board has a bad sense of priorities.

Chairman St.Cyr - Asked if Anna Gilbody had the RSA's.

Anna Gilbody - Not with her. She questioned when the fence was going to be done.

Chairman St.Cyr - fence has to be ordered.

Anna Gilbody - All material should be ordered before the job is started.

David Spreadbury - We have salvaged what we could but we are short 110 feet and are waiting for the Conservations Commisssion to approve buying more.

Select Board Member Whittum - The Conservation Commission is in charge of the money.

Anna Gilbody - The Conservation Commission should be in charge of the bid also. The new fence should have be ready to go up before the old one was ripped down.

Chris Rouillard - We have never had to pay for materials up front. I would like to request we meet in private.

Anna Gilbody - That cannot be executive session.

Chris Rouillard - presented an invoice for payment. It will take 2 weeks to get the fence in.

Select Board - discussed the town paying for the additional fence.

Chris Rouillard - We found a source to pick up the fence tomorrow.

Chairman St.Cyr - We have received some complaints at the Cushman Cemetery regarding plant holders being chewed off from a week whacker. The Board went to the Cushman Cemetery and the John's River Cemetery and did see evidence of this.

La Flamme's - We throw the dead flowers out, should we not do that. There have been people there kicking holders and decorations. There was also remains of a dead pig in the cemetery. If there is evidence of chewing up holders we will take the blame for that and correct the problem.

Chairman St.Cyr - We will do a letter to the complainant and going forward if there are chewed they will be replaced. If there are dead flowers you should leave them.

Lloyd and Peggy Saltmarsh had concerns regarding their veterans credit and read a letter into the minutes:

On May 31, 2012 our property located at 300 Blakslee Road sold and we purchased a new property located at 867 Dalton Road. When we went to the town office on June 25th to pay our new tax bill, Peggy was told by Sandra York that (1) the tax year begins on April 1st and runs through March 31st the following year and (2) the veterans credit goes with the property. Sandy also stated the State makes up the rules and regulations for the Veterans credit and not the town. Therefore, because we owned the property on April 1st we did receive the credit even though we only owed April and May taxes for this year.

We feel that a Veterans credit should go with the Veteran and NOT the property and request that both tax bills be adjusted as follows:

300 Blakslee Road - remove the \$500 as the new owners are not residents of Dalton and should not receive the credit

867 Dalton Road - apply \$500 to the Dalton resident who is a veteran

We would also like to request that we receive the written rules and regulations regarding the Veterans credit, clarification on the actual date for the property tax year, to ensure this gets resolved so other Veterans in Dalton do not have the same issue if and when they sell their property.

In closing we would like to see the \$500 Veterans credit applied to the second half of the tax bill for our property at 867 Dalton Road.

Sandy York - explained how the system works and gave examples to try to help explain. The \$500 issue should have been taken care of at the closing.

**Motion:** *by Chairman St.Cyr to take the matter under consideration and look at it logically.*

**Second:** *by Select Board Member Whittum*

**Vote:** 3-0-0

Chairman St.Cyr - Sandy will have information for you on Thursday.

Chief Audit requested the Board go into executive session for a personnel issue.

**Motion:** *by Chairman St.Cyr to go into executive session for a personnel issue.*

**Second:** *by Select Board Member Whittum*

**Vote:** 3-0-0

Select Board returned to regular session

Select Board would like a memo sent to anyone who uses this building to make sure that doors are all locked and lights are turned off and toilets aren't running.

Shawn St.Cyr - Casella Waste is starting to accept bulk deliveries of plastics with no sorting. This will help with more volume in recycling and less in waste.

Chairman St.Cyr - It has been brought to my attention that 3 people were sick after going to Forest Lake State Park. We need to know if they test the water and then let the people know.

Select Board Member Simonds - Questioned if there was a sign there that states you swim at your own risk.

Shawn St.Cyr - It is probably time for the water filters to be changed in this building.

Select Board Member Whittum - We should be making sure the pump stations is being monitored, cleaned and any maintenance done. Shawn was interested in doing this and we should act on it.

Shawn St.Cyr - Joel White suggested we pump it out every 6 months.

Select Board - motioned, seconded and voted to adjourn.