

Dalton Select Board Meeting

Minutes of January 19, 2015

Present were Selectmen: Julia Simonds and Nancy McVetty, Selectboard Chairman.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Reading of the minutes from January 5, 2015. Nancy McVetty moved to accept the minutes as written. Julia Simonds seconded the motion. The selectboard approved the minutes of the January 5, 2015 meeting (2, 0).

A request to remove the portable toilet at the transfer station has been received from the attendant. He doesn't use the facility and doesn't feel it is needed. Select board approved the removal which will save the town \$800 per year.

The attendant would like to install a Planet Aid box to recycle clothing. Pick up is Wednesdays when the transfer station is not open so they would need a key to the gate. Julia Simonds suggested that the box might be better at the town building. This will be discussed with the attendant before committing to place the box at the transfer station.

Chris Boldt, the attorney representing the Town of Dalton in the Public Service, notified Nancy McVetty that PSNH has motioned to withdraw their abatement motion for the year 2010 for the Town of Dalton only. PSNH has paid the taxes for that year so there is no monetary gain but it does mean that the town won't have to reimburse PSNH for the taxes paid that year nor will the town be liable for the 6% interest if the taxes had to be refunded.

Two members of the Planning Board need to be reappointed. William Howe needs to be appointed for a three year term as of 2015 Carl Lindquist needs to be reappointed for a three year term for the year 2014. This will allow the appointments to be staggered. Nancy McVetty moved to make the appointments. Julia Simonds seconded. Approved (2, 0). The administrative assistant will let Cathy Fountain, Planning Board secretary; know about the appointments when the board minutes are sent to be posted on the website.

There is only one applicant still interested in the PD administrative assistant position. She will be interviewed on 1/26/15. The official hire date will be 2/2/2015 at the scheduled board meeting.

John Bean with Friends of the Town Hall reported that there is a problem with the chimney at the old town hall. Condensation is on the chimney in the attic space and funning down into the ceiling leaving a sticky brownish residue which is difficult to remove. The chimney still looks sound now but the moisture will eventually affect the mortar. The simple solution is to install a chimney liner. John wondered where the town stands regarding the building. Friends of the Town Hall have put quite a bit on money into the building to bring it up to fire code. The building is leased to the Friends of the Town Hall and the lease is due to be renewed. Review of the lease clearly states that the Friends of the Town Hall are responsible for all repairs inside and out. Nancy McVetty indicated that it might be possible for the town to help with the situation. Jay McCusker questioned the legality of spending money that the voters approved for the current town building on the old town hall without permission. It is difficult to make an assessment of what might be available to help with costs when there is no dollar figure. John will ask Roland Abbott who has already looked at the chimney to provide a written estimate. Nancy McVetty will contact Charlie Fitch to see if he can provide an estimate and Stiles Fuel will also be called.

Both Nancy and John would like to be present when Fitch and Stiles look at the chimney. John is available after 4 PM and Nancy after school. Will try to schedule appointments after 4 PM and let them both know when appointments are set up.

Adjourned to Executive Session at 7:00 PM to review two requests for town assistance.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM

Next meeting is February 2, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

Louise Jordan, Administrative Assistant
Dalton Selectboard

Minutes approved by the Selectboard Members on 2/2/15

Julia Simonds
Julia Simonds, Selectboard Member

Kathy Barden, Selectboard Member

Nancy McVetty
Nancy McVetty, Selectboard Chairman

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