

Dalton Select Board Meeting

Minutes of January 30, 2017

Present were Selectmen: Nancy McVetty, Jay McCusker, Kathy Barden

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM.

Selectboard reviewed and read the minutes of January 16, 2017 Nancy made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Jay seconded. Approved 3-0

Checks were signed and bills gone over.

A bill was presented for the repair of the pumps from the Bridge Hill Pump House. Nancy made a motion to have the bill paid from the Sewer Pump Renovations and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund. Jay seconded. Approved 3-0

Nancy suggested that they talk again about publishing the unpaid tax report with tax payer names. The town was advised it is perfectly legal. Jay agreed, but said legal doesn't stop someone from trying to sue and it is just not worth the legal fees.

Jay made a motion to rescind their previous decision to publish taxpayers names. Kathy seconded. Approved 3-0.

Nancy called upon Douglas Ingerson who was in attendance at the meeting. He explained he was there because of a letter he received from Nancy Comeau on behalf of the Conservation Commission. (Jessie gave the board a copy of the letter to review).

Doug felt that the minutes of the Conservation Commission did not reflect a discussion of this letter being done. Jessie retrieved the Conservation minutes for Doug showing that on January 17, 2017 the Conservation Commission had indeed discussed the letter.

Jay commented that while he might have an issue with the letter, he has no issue with them sending it. Jay explained that Doug was at the wrong board meeting and should attend the next Conservation Commission meeting.

John Bean came to talk to the board on behalf of the Dalton Congregational Church and the Friends of the old Town Hall. He is looking into solar panels for the south side of the Church and wanted to know if the board had any interest in getting information as well for panels at the Old Town Hall. John assured he would research it all.

Jay expressed concern about the Friends of the Town Hall dissolving and the town inheriting the cost of the panels.

Both Jay and Nancy agreed they are not against getting information and pricing.

Nancy asked John if there were any possible grants. John said yes, there may be and he is looking into it.

John mentioned the lease between the Town and the Friends of the old town hall needs to be renewed.

Jessie will get one ready for review by both parties.

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Ed Craxton inquired about the warrant article that will be on the warrant for town meeting regarding the Conservation Commission and reducing the amount they receive from the Land Use Change Tax collected by the town.

Ed said at this point no property is being looked at to preserve or buy.

Nancy encouraged him to speak on behalf of the Conservation Commission at town meeting if he so chooses.

The petitioned warrant article that asks for increases in the elderly exemption amounts was discussed. The moderator Ann Craxton was assured that the board is gathering information so they can make certain people understand what this warrant could do the the tax rate in Dalton. There will be a chart showing the impact the changes could have for all Dalton tax payers.

Ann Craxton questioned whether or not the Select-board has to recommend or not recommend petitioned warrant articles. Jessie agreed to get the answer. (update- as long as a warrant article does not ask for appropriations the board does not need to have an opinion.)

Jay told Jessie that the Conservation Minutes need to be posted on the website and it was determined they go through the Administrative Office. Jessie will get any missing minutes to the webmaster to post.

Jay pointed out that the minutes of the Conservation Commission inaccurately states their budget was set for \$1500. The correct amount is \$1150.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM to go into executive session.

The public meeting was reconvened at 7:45 PM and adjourned.

Next meeting February 13, 2017

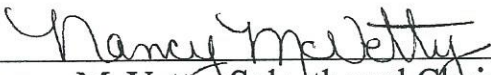
Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Wentworth Administrative Assistant
Dalton Selectboard

Minutes approved by Selectboard Members on 2/13/16.


Jay McCusker Selectboard Member

Kathy Barden, Selectboard Member


Nancy McVetty, Selectboard Chairman