

Dalton Select Board Meeting

Minutes of March 13, 2017

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

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM.

Selectboard reviewed and read the minutes of February 27, 2017 Jay made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Kathy seconded. Approved 3-0

Checks were signed and bills gone over.

The board signed a gravel warrant and the 2017-2018 Salvage Licenses were signed. The license renewal reminder letters were sent out.

John Bean came to go over the Friends contract. He had a revised version that was gone over. Jay didn't want to change the term to three (3) years from one (1) in case this municipal building gets to be too costly and we want the option to move back to Town Hall.

Nancy marked the town's contract version with changes from the Friends.

Once all terms were agreed upon Doris Mitton made a fresh copy with the agreed upon revisions. Jay made a motion to accept the Friends Lease contract as agreed upon by both parties. Kathy seconded. Approved 3-0.

The lease was signed and notarized.

Terri Parks paid the \$1.00 dollar lease fee. A receipt was given.

Concerns over the school budget were discussed. No one seems to be able to get an explanation for why Dalton's portion goes up so much more than other towns in the District. Nancy McVetty encouraged everyone to ask questions of the School Board and Department of Revenue.

Gary Greenwood explained he will be asking for a "straw vote" at the end of the 2017 Town Meeting to see if the majority are in favor of listing unpaid taxpayers in the next town report. His reasons for wanting this are concern over the burden that unpaid taxes put on other taxpayers, and his concern about someone with unpaid taxes running for office and voters not realizing they do not pay their taxes.

Gary asked the board if the majority of the town meeting voting body, voted advisory only, to put unpaid taxpayer list in town report would the board support that.

Jay explained that even though it is legal to publish the unpaid taxpayer list that it would not necessarily stop someone for suing the town for doing so, and even though the town would prevail in court, it would cost the taxpayers money to answer to the suit. But, if the people are aware of that chance and still support doing it he would support it.

Nancy and Kathy stated they would support that as well.

Jay spoke of Whitefield wanting to know Dalton's stand on burying lines, or shortening towers IF Northern Pass gets approved. He is concerned that saying we would support that would

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negate our original stance of not approving of Northern Pass. He was going to speak to a Whitefield Board member for more specific information.

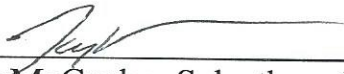
Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM

Next meeting March 27, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Wentworth Administrative Assistant
Dalton Selectboard

Minutes approved by Selectboard Members on 3/28/17.



Jay McCusker Selectboard Member



Kathy Barden, Selectboard Member



Nancy McVetty, Selectboard Chairman