

Dalton Select Board Meeting

Minutes of June 8, 2015

Present were Selectmen: Jay McCusker, Kathy Barden and Nancy McVetty, Selectboard Chairman.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

The minutes from the June 1, 2015 meeting were read. Nancy McVetty moved to accept the minutes as written. Kathy Barden seconded the motion. Approved (3, 0)

Ed Stevens from Mt Washington Regional Airport was present to answer the Board's questions regarding the Town contribution to the airport. The airport association was required to double the town contributions last year. This money is used for the airport operating costs. Additional income is generated from rentals, hanger fees, fuel sales, the Aviation Safety Reserve and timber clearing. The airport is working to become self-sufficient. They have applied for federal funds to make upgrades to the runway so that the airport can be used for commercial purposes. The airport must provide 5% matching funds to qualify for the federal funds. The 5% does not get passed on to the towns nor is their contribution used to provide matching funds. They are using income generated from the fuel, hanger rentals, etc. to meet the matching 5%. Dalton entered into an inter-municipal agreement with the airport in 2007. The Board would like a copy of the agreement which Ed will provide via email tomorrow. It is possible for Dalton to terminate its membership in the inter-municipal agreement; the procedure is outlined in the original agreement. Discussion of the bill for Dalton's portion of the operating costs. Ed indicated that he emailed a bill for the \$1309 but the Board didn't see the bill and so did not budget for the increase. Given that the voters approved the \$696 that was budgeted, that is the amount that Dalton will be sending for 2015 as their portion.

Bob Wentworth was asked to be present to report on the Forest Lake project. He submitted the bid today. Once the agreement is accepted and signed by the State, he will have the board sign. He estimates that the job will take him about 12 hours and will be done before the 2015 summer season. The State will be responsible for maintaining the site once the repairs are completed.

Paving is scheduled for Lower Ridge Road this season.

Training for the new bank program will be Wednesday, June 10 at 10 AM. Linda Greenwood and Louise Jordan will be trained to use the program which will allow direct deposit for pay roll and on-line bill payment. Jay McCusker will attend the training.

The Town owned property behind the VFW on Faraway Road was discussed. Nancy McVetty reported that Jessie Wentworth believes that the town has authority to convey Town owned property at the Board's discretion. She is checking to confirm that this authority to dispose of town property was conveyed indefinitely. The Board would like to give first option to the VFW as the abutters.

Nancy McVetty mentioned that the Board is considering cutting the timber behind the Municipal Building. The Board has the authority to sell the wood without approval but can't spend the revenue until it is appropriated by the voters at town meeting. Charlie Baylies will be contacted to assess the value of the wood and mark the cut. It is possible that the wood might not be worth cutting.

John Tholl reported that he has been working on the theft/sale of items taken from Aaron Packard. An arrest was made.

The cruiser needs to have the rotors replaced. John used the pistol permit funds to partially pay for the parts. Town employees will do the repairs. The balance owed by the town for the parts is \$21.

John Tholl spoke with the two officers who have previously worked for the Town, nothing was resolved. Both officers are welcome to continue working for the Town of Dalton if they want to. One officer indicated that he felt he was treated poorly and not contacted/consulted as he should have been. A letter will be sent to him asking what his intentions are regarding continued work for the Town of Dalton. The potential new officer was supposed to attend the meeting tonight but has not shown up. John Tholl will proceed with the background checks to prepare for his eventual employment.

Ed Stevens had a complaint against the Ingerson Pit on the Whitefield Road. The pit is across from his house and without the buffers that the State requires, sand blows across the road. He is not able to open his windows without the sand blowing into his home. Additionally, the pit often begins operation at 4 AM. The Town can pass a noise ordinance but it needs to be voted on at Town Meeting which won't help Ed now. Regarding the blowing sand, as the business is on a State highway, this would be a State issue and Ed should register his complaint with the State/DES. The Town of Dalton has no authority on a State road and can't get involved.

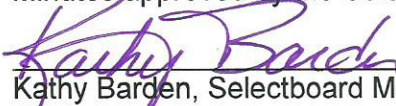
Adjourned at 7:45 PM

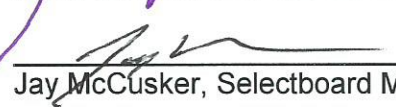
Next meeting is June 22, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

Louise Jordan, Administrative Assistant
Dalton Selectboard

Minutes approved by the Selectboard Members on 6/22/15


Kathy Barden, Selectboard Member


Jay McCusker, Selectboard Member


Nancy McVetty, Selectboard Chairman

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