

Dalton Select Board Meeting

Minutes of September 11, 2017

Present were Selectmen: Jay McCusker and Nancy McVetty

Called to order 6:30 PM

Previous meeting minutes were read.

Jay McCusker made a motion to accept minutes as written. Nancy seconded. Approved 2-0

Checks were gone over and signed as were a Yield Warrant and Third Issue Sewer Warrant.

The plumbing issue in the building was discussed. Jay and Mr. Scalley came and looked it over and discussed options. A written estimate will be done for the town. Once it is received it, as well as the prior estimate and plan, will be gone over to decide what is most cost effective for the town.

Jessie asked if the board wishes to advertise the 1987 Mack again for sealed bid. It was agreed to do so. An ad will be run and bidding will end on October 23rd at 4 PM and opened at that night's meeting.

Nancy McVetty mentioned that the new signs are up. They all look good.

Nancy Mooney asked if anything had come about Team O'Neil having new town line signs done. Nancy McVetty said no nothing more has been said. The town line signs on the State roads would have to be approved by the State, not the Select-Board.

Troy Merner joined the meeting. He heard Herb Richardson was coming and thought he would drop by as well.

The board welcomed him and mentioned they were remiss that they hadn't issued an invite to him as well as Herb and so were glad he decided to come.

Jay began the discussion about HB 324 saying that Dalton has spent thousands of dollars defending the town's assessments on utilites. As soon as the case was won in favor of the towns at the BTLA we were made award of the HB 324. This bill, if passed, would give the assessing power to Department of Revenue. Dalton wants our Representatives to know that Dalton is not in favor of HB 324. Dalton wants to retain its assessing rights in regards to utilities.

Herb Richardson arrived and joined the discussion of HB 324. He explained that he and Troy have been going to many towns in the North Country speaking to the concerns about HB 324.

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Jay said he sees that the sponsors of the bill are bi-partisan in the House as well as some Senators. The sponsors are all from southern NH towns and their towns would likely benefit from Equalization, but the North Country likely would not.

Herb explained the bill was last voted on January 25, 2017. The vote then was 50-50. Herb expressed that he does support taking away local control of assessing the utilities.

Jay asked Herb, are you in favor of keeping the power of assessing with the towns. Herb said yes he is. He does not support the passing of HB 324.

Both Troy and Herb suggested that Dalton email them, expressing our stance on HB 324 and to also email the Chair and sponsor of the bill, and to be sure that the email requests that they, as well as the subcommittee members, hear where we stand on the bill. Jessie was given the email addresses.

Don Mooney asked Herb if he still supports solar energy. Herb assured him he does.

The Board thanked both Troy Merner and Herb Richardson for their time.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM

Next meeting ~~September 25~~, 2017

~~October 2~~, September 25, 2017 (JW)

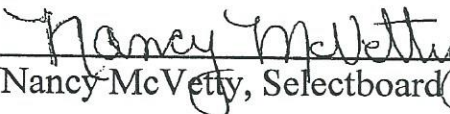
Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Wentworth Administrative Assistant
Dalton Selectboard

Minutes approved by Selectboard Members on 9/25/17.


Jay McCusker Selectboard Member

Kathy Barden, Selectboard Member


Nancy McVetty, Selectboard Chairman