

# Dalton Select Board Meeting

Minutes of September 28, 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 September 14, 2015 meeting were read. Nancy McVetty moved to accept the minutes as written. Kathy Barden seconded the motion. Approved (3, 0)

Health insurance renewal paperwork from Health Trust for town employees was reviewed and signed. Nancy McVetty moved to accept the renewal agreement from Health Trust as written. Jay McCusker seconded the motion. Approved (3, 0)

Jay McCusker attended a Right to Know meeting. Nancy will look for an ordinance we can use to create our own policy regarding town emails. Each town employee should have their own email in order to discuss business. There is also a form the selectboard must use when going into executive session. Jay McCusker says it is ok to tape over meeting minutes once they have been transcribed.

Jay McCusker spoke with Bob Wentworth and work on the pump house should begin in the next 2-3 weeks. There are currently two pumps there, one that works and one that is broken. After the work is complete there will be one new pump and one rebuilt pump. The board will ask Bob what the plan is for the broken pump.

The Playground is still up in the air. Nancy McVetty emailed Mike Berry, Principal of WMRHS to see if he had any volunteers that may want to take it on as a project.

There will be a Budget Meeting at 6 PM on Monday, November 2nd at the Municipal Town Building.

Friends of the Town Hall asked the Town for help with the cost of a new chimney liner for their furnace. Estimates are somewhere around \$2,100 to \$2,338. Nancy McVetty says the Town might be able to contribute to the cost of the new chimney liner, but was unsure where it would come out of the budget. Jay McCusker was concerned about setting a precedence for the Town helping out with repairs as it is the responsibility of the Friends to maintain the building. The Friends of the Town Hall also asked for permission to have the furnace serviced as it is currently not working and they do not have heat or hot water. Permission was granted from the board to have the furnace looked at. Nancy McVetty would like to get the funds for the furnace liner figured out quickly to avoid additional damage to the building when the weather gets colder.

The selectboard reviewed the Dalton Cemetery Policy. Nancy McVetty moved to accept the policy as written. Jay McCusker seconded the motion. Approved (3, 0)

The selectboard reviewed the Personnel Plan and Hiring Policy. Changes were made to section 4, Compensation and section 13 employees expenses. Nancy McVetty moved to accept the policy. Jay McCusker seconded the motion. Approved (3, 0)

The Street Number Policy was sent to Bob Wentworth to review and make any necessary changes.

The Health Policy was tabled until they could get some information clarified.

Nancy Comeau expressed concern about Dalton not having a Police Department. There was a break in on Faraway Road and it took several hours for someone to respond. Nancy McVetty says we are having a hard time hiring officers. John Tholl is actively seeking certified, part time officers to hire. The selectboard is willing to hear any ideas Dalton residents might have to solve this problem.

Tony Poekert expressed concern regarding a collapsed home on Union Road. He is concerned someone may enter the property and get hurt. There is no zoning in Dalton so the selectboard cannot do anything about it. Tony Poekert may try to write to the landowner.

Adjourned at 7:30 PM


Next meeting is October 12, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

Louise Jordan, Administrative Assistant  
Dalton Selectboard

Minutes approved by the Selectboard Members on 10/5/15

  
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Kathy Barden, Selectboard Member

  
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Jay McCusker, Selectboard Member

  
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Nancy McVetty, Selectboard Chairman

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