

## Dalton Select Board Meeting

### Minutes of November 10, 2014

Present were Selectmen: Julia Simonds, Kathy Barden and Nancy McVetty, Selectboard Chairman.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Reading of the minutes from October 27, 2014. Julia Simonds moved to accept the minutes as written. Kathy Barden seconded the motion. The selectboard approved the minutes of the October 27, 2014 meeting (3,0).

Conservation Commission – Nancy Comeau has some paperwork related to the State rules regarding the commission that she will provide to the selectboard. The board interviews and appoints potential candidates to the Conservation Commission. A notice will be posted to the town website asking for volunteers to serve on the commission. The role of the commission is to educate the public. Nancy McVetty has approached several individuals about serving on the commission with no response. If there is no interest, the Conservation Commission will be disband. Jay McCusker asked what will happen to the Conservation Commission bank account. As the balance of the account is regulated by DRA, the town will call for guidance in closing the account and distributing the funds.

Animal enforcement – The town attorney has indicated that civilians should not be appointed to this job as it leaves the town at risk for a law suit. The suggestion is that the police department should handle animal enforcement which they are currently doing. The budget for animal enforcement is \$750 per year which will be used to pay vet bills. This money will be kept separate from the police department budget.

Fee for use of town building – Currently there is not fee for use of the town building. Nancy McVetty suggested a fee of \$50 with \$25 refunded if the area is clean and left in good condition. She feels that the fee would help offset the cost of paper products. Shawn St Cyr is not in favor of charging residents. He feels that they pay for use of the building through their taxes. Non-residents should be charged. John St Martin suggested that the town use a donation rather than a fee with a set amount named for the donation at the time that the application for use is submitted for approval. Jay McCusker wondered if it might be possible to stop using the building due to the upkeep, heat and electric costs. This is not possible as the building is part of the emergency management plan. No decision was reached on charging for the building use.

There is an issue with the kitchen sink which will need to be fixed. Abbott, the usual repair contact and Schofield who is better able to scope the drain to assess the problem will be contacted to provide an estimate for the repairs. As the funds will need to be budgeted for the new year, the estimates will be needed soon. Robert Wentworth will be present when the plumbers come to assess the repairs needed.

The Brown Street, Colpitts, George, Capello and O'Hara properties were discussed. The tax years for the Capello property need to be verified before this property is approved. Nancy McVetty moved the question, Julia Simonds seconded, approved (3,0). Deeds will need to be registered.

A letter will be written to the Patneaudes in a last attempt to get some kind of payment to prevent the need for the tax lien deed.

Adjourned at 7:25 PM

Next meeting is November 24, 2014

Respectfully Submitted,

Louise Jordan, Administrative Assistant  
Dalton Selectboard

Minutes approved by the Selectboard Members on 11/24/14

Julia Simonds  
Julia Simonds, Selectboard Member

Kathy Barden, Selectboard Member

Nancy McVetty  
Nancy McVetty, Selectboard Chairman

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