

Select-Board Meeting: 07-29-2013

Attending meeting: Board members, Vic St. Cyr, Julia Simonds

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Vic St. Cyr at 5:35pm

Chairman made motion to accept minutes from prior meetings.

Seconded by Julia Simonds.

Motion passed 2/0

The Chairman took questions and concerns from the audience. Anna Gilbody had questions about funds being deposited in had concerns about a check she had written for the Transfer Station and she had not yet received it back from the bank. She was concerned as to what may have happened to the check. The Select-Board said that there was a time laps in getting deposits made and said that they are working on getting the deposits done in a more timely manner. She also inquired about the school tax bill if the payments are being met. Chairman Vic St Cyr explained how the Town of Dalton was unique to other Town's in the area because the Town can make monthly payments, instead of having to come up with all the funds at one time. He also went on to explain that the Town did fall behind but is now back on track. He also went on to further explain by having the ability to make payments this way the town does not have to borrow money to operate the town and therefore the tax payers are saving money by not having to make interest payments.

David Spreadbury had some concerns about the Road Crew, and wanted to know how the Road Agent can hire anyone he wants. In his opinion he should not be hiring relatives. He felt the Town should hire an outside vendor to take care of traffic control issues. Board member Julia Simonds asked what that would cost. There was no clear answer on the question. David Spreadbury then went on to question the Select-Board on concerns he had about the Town policy on using Fire Apparatuses and equipment for personnel use to burn brush. Chief Ron Sheltry explained that members of the Town Fire Department had requested to use the old tanker to do a controlled burn. The Chief had granted permission and also gave them a burn permit. He also went on to explain that this was a standard practice in the past and that the Town's Fire Department has done this for many years. He also explained that the truck used was not a first response unit. The Chief also went on to explain that the volunteers do a great service to for the community and use their personal vehicle's to respond to Fire and Rescue calls in Town David Spreadbury then went on to question why the new EMS unit is not housed in a building at the Fire Station and he also voiced concerns that the vehicle was being used for personal use as well as town use. Chief Ron Sheltry explained that the EMS unit is used for the intended purposes only and that it was decided when the unit was purchased that it only made sense for the unit to be with the staff that was on call at the time. Chairman Vic St Cyr conquered with that and said valuable time would be lost on the emergency call if someone had to drive to the station to get the unit into service. The Chairman also went on to state that he felt the Chief and the Department do an excellent job for the Town and he supports the Chief and the policy.

The Town Treasure Andrea Glidden came to the meeting and spoke about the deposits and how they are being handled. The Town had to establish a new fund for the Recreation Program. This required several signatures on the paper work before the bank could process the paper work; unfortunately this action took some time. The account is now up a going and deposits are being made to the account.

Chairman Vic St Cyr asked for a motion to go into Executive Session with Chief Ron Sheltry to discuss policies and personal.

Julia Simonds made the motion.

Seconded by Vic St Cyr.

Motion Passed 2/0

Select-Board went into Executive Session at 6:15pm

Board came out of Executive Session at 6:20pm

The Select-Board reviewed policy's with the Chief. The Select-Board supports the Chief and the Fire Department. They are also grateful to David Spreadbury for bringing his concerns to the Select-Board.

Chairman Vic St Cyr made a motion to have the town vault updated with a security pad and a new door lock installed.

Julia Simonds seconded the motion

Motion passed 2/0

Chairman made motion to adjourn meeting.

Seconded by Julia Simonds.

Motion Passed 2/0

Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm

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Chairman, Victor St. Cyr

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Julia Simonds

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Kathy Barden

