

Dalton Select Board Meeting

Minutes of January 5, 2015

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

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Minutes for the December 22, 2014 meeting were not available due to internet failure. Minutes will be reviewed, signed and posted once the internet is restored and they can be printed.

Carmen Menard from Passumpsic Bank had to cancel and will plan to attend the January 19th meeting to present the bank information.

The PILOT agreement with Ampersand/Gilman Hydro has been signed. The Town's attorney had reviewed the original agreement drafted by Ampersand's attorney. The Town's attorney suggested that a public hearing was needed. The hearing preceded the Selectboard meeting, no one attended. Ampersand will pay \$130,000.00 per year in lieu of taxes for a five year period 2013 to 2017. (In the previous PILOT agreement, Ampersand paid \$55,000.00 per year) Negotiations will need to be entered into again for the 2018 tax year. Ampersand is paying back taxes and interest as part of the agreement and they expect to be current by June, 2015.

The budget hearing is scheduled for January 12, 2015 at 7:00 PM when it will be reviewed with the public who will have the opportunity to suggest changes. The Selectboard reviewed the current print out, some changes may need to be made; accurate figures will be available for the budget meeting. The board is asking the Town to repurpose the Tax Collector Assessing Software for computer replacement.

Conservation Commission was discussed. One concern is that no minutes are being taken by an actual board member. Julia Simonds took minutes for October and November and they have been posted on the bulletin board. There were no minutes for the December meeting; no appointed members were in attendance. Christine Rouillard has researched the RSA regarding requirements for appointment to the Conservation Commission. Attending three meetings prior to appointment is not a requirement. She also thinks that she can get a State representative of the Conservation Commission to come to a future meeting to provide education to the members of the Conservation Commission so that they will be better able to fulfill their duties. Christine asked if the board got the appointments letters she left with the administrative assistant. The letters were received. Julia Simonds moved to accept Cory St. Cyr, Christine Rouillard and David Spreadbury as members of the Conservation Commission effective January 2015. Nancy McVetty seconded, approved 2, 0.

Ron Sheltry has suggested that the town report should be dedicated to Charles Packard. Ron will be asked to follow up and provide a picture and the dedication wording.

Adjourned at 7:00 PM

Next meeting is January 19, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

Louise Jordan, Administrative Assistant

Dalton Selectboard

Minutes approved by the Selectboard Members on 1/19/15

Julia Simonds
Julia Simonds, Selectboard Member

Kathy Barden, Selectboard Member

Nancy McVetty
Nancy McVetty, Selectboard Chairman

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