

# Dalton Select Board Meeting

## Minutes of December 8, 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 November 24, 2014. Nancy McVetty moved to accept the minutes as written. Julia Simonds seconded the motion. The selectboard approved the minutes of the November 24, 2014 meeting (3, 0).

John Tholl reported that all calls have been answered and that the volume of calls is low. He will be around next week as his work schedule and appointments allow.

Review of the PD assistant applications. John Tholl is to review the applications more thoroughly to set up appointments. The Select Board would like to be involved in the interview process. John anticipates that the assistant will work approximately eight hours per week over two to four days.

Peter Riviere of the WMRHS school board called requesting information regarding the tax rate and the new school rate and the impact on the Town. Peter is contacting all of the towns for this information in an attempt to present the school board with a realistic view of the impact prior to the board approving the new school budget. He is especially concerned with the impact of the 24% increase in the health insurance line. Nancy McVetty provided some information and Peter will be calling back to talk with the Town Clerk tomorrow.

There is a County meeting scheduled for December 16, 2014 at 10 AM in Stewartstown. The Select Boards from Coos County have been invited to attend. Nancy McVetty asked if any of the board members would be able to attend, Kathy Barden volunteered.

The Budget Committee is about half way through the budget; only the small departments are left to review. The next meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2014. The Budget hearing will be scheduled as soon as possible after the committee finishes its review, probably early in January.

Jay McCusker asked if there was any additional information on the perk test issue. He called the State Health Department and was informed that they don't have any record of the Town providing them with the ordinance authorizing the Town's \$50 charge. Without the ordinance, the State doesn't recognize the Town's authority to charge the fee. John Tholl remembered that there used to be a folder with Town ordinances in it, there were only a few. Files will be reviewed to see if there is an ordinance folder and the Town will consult with Sandra York to see if she can provide more information. The regulations require the Town to have a Health Officer who is a resident of the State of NH but residence in the Town is not a requirement.

The Conservation Commission was discussed. No one has applied to serve on the board. Chris Rouillard stated that she and David Spreadbury have been attending the meetings. The Conservation Commission requires a potential candidate for the board to attend three meetings before they are appointed as a member. Nancy McVetty said that the Conservation Commission can suggest potential members but the Select Board is the only entity who can actually appoint

members. Education is the primary goal of the Conservation Committee and Nancy would like to see a plan of how the Commission plans to provide this education to the public.

The Emergency Management Plan is complete. The Board is waiting for the final paperwork to implement the plan.

A draft agreement with Ampersand Gilman Hydro for payment in lieu of taxes has been received and will be reviewed by the Town's attorney this week prior to finalizing the agreement.

Next Select Board meeting is December 22, 2014.

Adjourned at 7:12 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Louise Jordan, Administrative Assistant  
Dalton Selectboard

Minutes approved by the Selectboard Members on 12/22/14

Julia Simonds  
Julia Simonds, Selectboard Member

Kathy Barden  
Kathy Barden, Selectboard Member

Nancy McVetty  
Nancy McVetty, Selectboard Chairman

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