

Dalton Select Board Meeting

Minutes of February 11, 2019

Present were Selectmen: Nancy McVetty, Carol Sheltry

Called to order 6:30 PM

Minutes were read. Carol made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Nancy seconded. Approved 2-0.

Checks were signed.

The Warrant for Town meeting 2019 was finalized and signed.

An abatement for a town owned property purchased by Ed Tomashek and Marti Faulkner was approved and signed. The assessor had visited the property and adjusted the assessment.

Jessie told the board that Homeland Security and Fema would be holding a meeting with she and Bob to start "recovery phase" of the 2017 storm.

Ron Sheltry was present to discuss looking into getting an ambulance for Dalton. The cost of the ambulance he would like to pay partially from Fire Dept Capital Reserve Trust fund amounting to \$25,000.00, and the balance to be a 5 year lease costing approximately \$13,500-\$13,800 per year. Approximately the same amount we are currently paying for Whitefield's ambulance service.

He said they would have one person plus a 2nd per diem person.

When asked about how ambulance billing works, he said they would use a billing agency. Carol added they get a percentage, but did not know that number.

Questions were asked about how that works with Dalton payroll, our insurance, and other budget lines that would be affected by the ambulance being added. Anyone working for Dalton has to be paid through Dalton's payroll, and this affects budget lines. An idea of what this amounts to would be necessary to know.

Jessie suggested that Carol might want to recuse herself from a decision due to her connection to the Fire/EMS, and that leaving only Nancy as Kathy was unable to attend it didn't seem possible for a decision to be made that evening. Jessie suggested Ron be ready to present this at town meeting under other business so that the Board could get some sense of how the townspeople/taxpayers feel about this addition to help the board make a decision. Ron presented a picture of an ambulance.

Nancy stated that she because she needs dollar amounts and such, she wasn't sure of being ready to do this in March. She said once they have more figures nailed down such as what Whitefield will charge us if our EMS doesn't respond to their calls as often and all the other budget lines this would affect she would be able to make an educated decision.

Ron was called away and discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Sarah Doucette, a Whitefield resident asked to speak. She expressed concern over the possible sale of property in Dalton to Casella.

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Nancy and Carol said they are aware, and while being concerned, Dalton has no zoning in Dalton to counter this in any way. Sarah explained she has a group forming that hopes to address the concerns this purchase brings to the area.

No further business.
Meeting adjourned 7:10 PM

Next meeting February 25, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Wentworth
Administrative Assistant
Dalton Selectboard

Minutes approved by Selectboard Members on _____.

Carol Sheltry Interim Selectboard Member


Kathy Barden, Selectboard Member

Nancy McVetty, Selectboard Chairman

Only 1 selectboard member from this meeting was present. She refused to sign. Kathy Barden acknowledges she read them.