

# Dalton Select Board Meeting

Minutes of May 20, 2019

Present were Selectmen: Jo Beth Dudley, Anna Gilbody, Carol Sheltry

Called to order at 6:30 PM by Joe Beth Dudley, Select Board Chair.

Carol makes a motion to accept minutes as read. Anna seconds. Accepted 3-0

Veteran's credits, timber yield, gravel yield, abatements and land use change taxes signed by Board.

Jo Beth reads letter from Dalton Planning Board that was motioned and passed. Per RSA 36-57, the Dalton Planning Board has notified the North Country Regional Council and the immediately surrounding towns to Dalton considers the proposed landfill a development of regional impact.

Jo Beth passes to other Board members an example of rules of procedure for Select Board meetings. A suggestion to be considered, some discussion, tabled until next Board meeting.

Anna Peltier a new to Dalton resident, asks the Board when it is appropriate to bring up new business and is the Board just discussing a subject amongst themselves, when does Board meet? Jo Beth explains this is discussion amongst Board and there will be time for public comment and informs that Board meets every other week.

John Tholl, on the Whitefield Board as well as the Dalton Police Dept., informs Board that an agenda is helpful to inform people of what is coming up at the next meeting and is a standard of operation on Select Boards.

Leaks in the roof has had 2 roofers look and will have estimates forthcoming, as reported by Jessie Wentworth, Town Clerk and Tax Collector.

Jo Beth brings up that we are still looking for volunteers for Supervisor of the Checklist and Trustee of the Trust Fund positions. Anna Peltier asks what the job descriptions are. Jessie explains the Trustee of the Trust Fund are accounting and Jo Beth explains the Supervisor of the Checklist deals with aspects of Town elections. There are no volunteers.

Old business. The appointment letter for Ron Sheltry as Fire Chief has not been found. Jo Beth asks Carol to recuse herself from discussion, Carol agrees. A letter was drafted to swear in and appoint Ron Sheltry as Fire Chief, a formality which would change nothing, would fill in the void in the file of appointments. No other appointments for Ron Sheltry were missing from the file. Oath is read, Jo Beth signs the appointment. Anna declines to sign stating that she cannot sign in good conscience based on an incident with a Town resident. She lacks the confidence in Ron Sheltry as Fire Chief. Carol abruptly presents Anna with a document and declares that she has no choice but to sign. Anna rebuts saying she does have a choice and will not sign the appointment. Ron interjects that the matter is pending with the State. No problem. At 6:55pm an

Executive session is declared between Jo Beth and Anna. Carol says she can also go into executive session but cannot speak. Jo Beth relays to Carol that she cannot as she is recused.

6:55PM – Executive session motioned by Anna, seconded by Jo Beth.

7:20PM – Anna makes motion to return to Public Meeting. Jo Beth seconds.

Jo Beth tables the Fire Chief appointment until next session.

New Business.

A new resident to Dalton, Anna Peltier brings up the danger regarding the 40mph to 30mph speed limit, as well as the blind corners. Conditions are scary to get into and out of her drive. She proposes a drop in the speed limit for more of a distance than what is there now. Remarks that no one drives 40mph. John Tholl interjects that the Town has no jurisdiction with signs, it may be a DOT matter. Town could draft a letter to DOT requesting a change in speed and/or other signage. John mentions that he could assist wherever necessary.

Jon Swan, a Dalton resident presents a petition to the Select Board with 103 signatures requesting an emergency temporary zoning. Incumbent upon town to have zoning per Master Plan. Wants to empower the town to protect itself from rumored land fill. Explains how he (Jon) enjoys his quality of life. Goes onto recite cause to audience. Much discussion between Board and audience. Board to look into requirements. Discussion on a special town meeting being needed, that permission from the Superior Court would have to be granted before that could happen. Can be put as a Warrant Article for next March town meeting. John Tholl advises to consult with NH Municipal Association to be sure to be on the right path. Anna Peltier asks if absentee ballots are available for Town Meeting. Town Clerk and Board responds no to Town Meeting part, just elections of offices. Further discussion on RSA's. Wendy Thatcher, non-resident of Dalton. Has comments and questions on project. Concern about maintaining rural face of Dalton. Jo Beth new business to Board member. Board to consider writing letter to DES regarding health and preserving natural resources. Tabled until next week. More discussion on proposed landfill and issues associated with it, i.e., cost of litigation, addressing of State statutes, traffic issues. Anna Peltier would like to know where the private trash bins of trash go. John Tholl advises, Mt. Carbury in Berlin, Bethlehem. Don Sharp, resident of Dalton, relays that he is familiar with landfills as he carried trash from Massachusetts to New Hampshire. It adds insult to injury.

No further business, meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Next meeting June 3, 2019, 6:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Kathan  
Select Board Minute Taker

Minutes approved by Select Board Members on 6-3-19.


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Carol Sheltry, Selectboard Member

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Anna Gilbody, Selectboard Member

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Jo Beth Dudley, Selectboard Chairman