Dalton Select Board Meeting

Minutes of August 12, 2019 Meeting

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

Called to order: 6:35 PM by Chair Dudley

Checks and other documents were signed and reviewed.

The minutes of the July 15th Select Board meeting were presented for approval. Jo Beth Dudley made a Motion to amend the minutes to add the following motion: A motion was made by Jo Beth Dudley and seconded by Carol Sheltry to approve the procedures as outlined for the July 23rd Public Hearing. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Jo Beth Dudley with a second by Anna Gilbody to accept the amended minutes. All voted in

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held on July 23, 2019 by Jo Beth Dudley and Carol Sheltry. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the July 29th Select Board Meeting by Jo Beth Dudley and Carol Sheltry. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the July 29th Non-Public Select Board Meeting Minutes by Jo Beth Dudley and Carol Sheltry. The motion was approved unanimously with the correction of the ending time from 7.8 to 7:48 PM.

A motion was made to approve the sealed non-public minutes of the August 5th Select Board Meeting Minutes by Jo Beth Dudley and seconded by Anna Gilbody. The motion was approved by Jo Beth Dudley and Anna Gilbody. Carol Sheltry recused herself.

6a) Terry Parks spoke about the plaque the Historical Society had received for the Town Building being on the State Historical Registry. She brought drawings of a proposed monument and noted there may be a slight difference as another monument has been offered. All of this will be done at no charge to the Town. After some discussion Anna Gilbody made a motion to authorize the Historical Society to proceed as they thought best. The motion was seconded by Carol Sheltry and passed unanimously. Jo Beth Dudley thanked Terry Parks for her and the Historical Societies time and efforts.

6b) Terry Parks spoke as a Cemetery Trustee. The current sexton, Bernie Bean has died. His son Aaron has expressed an interest in continuing his father’s work. He has been working with his father. Paul Cormier of Whitefield has also expressed an interest. The Sexton contacts the Cemetery Trustee for permission to dig. The funeral homes pay the Sexton(s). After discussion the board thought it would be prudent to have two sextons available but both would need to have insurance to protect them as well as the Town in case of an incident. Terry Parks will
notify the two men. The Administrative Assistant will review the Town’s policies for additional information and direction.

A citizen reported that a property the Town has taken by lien has been vandalized. It has been the tradition to not do anything to these properties. This property will be deeded within the next 6 months.

The parcel put out for Tax Lien Deed Bids received NO bids. Nothing further was done at this meeting.

There was discussion about having DES come and speak, generally, about the permitting process. The board will revisit this and perhaps have them come and speak in October. Jon Swan asked if we had copies of the Casella presentation to DES. Jo Beth Dudley has it by email and will make it available to the Administrative Assistant.

An email from WMRS was read requesting a time they could come before the board and discuss the building proposal that will come before the voters in March. The Administrative Assistant will find out how much time they need and what dates work for them in September or October.

Jo Beth Dudley read an email from the NHMA attorney in regards to setting up the new Zoning Board of Adjustment. The board will appoint 2 for 2 year terms; 2 for 3 year terms; and 1 for a 1 year term. This way they board will not completely turn over every year. There was a caution mentioned in the email to not appoint someone who had publicly stated an opinion on the landfill issue as that person would need to recuse themselves if an issue came before the board.

There was discussion about the composition, personal qualities needed and process for the new Zoning Board of Adjustment. The board agreed by consensus on qualities for SBA memebers and it was decided to develop a document with the selection process and criteria and post same on the town’s web site. Applications must be received by 8/21. The board will review them on 8/26 and if necessary, request some to come to the 9/9 meeting where the decision on the membership will be made in public session. The appointment of alternates would be made by the ZBA. The ZBA only meets as needed.

The Planning Board will propose the new Zoning Regulations and in fact started this process last fall. The board will confirm the process for adopting zoning ordinances and how the voting works for Dalton.

At 8:00 PM a motion was made by Jo Beth Dudley and seconded by Anna Gilbody to go into non-public session for legal and personnel discussion. All voted in favor.

The public session resumed at 8:38.
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There being no further business, Jo Beth Dudley made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Carol Sheltry. All voted in favor.

Next meeting date is August 26th at 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Peabody
Temporary Administrative Assistant
Town of Dalton

August 12, 2019 Minutes approved by Selectboard Members on 8/26/19.

Carol Sheltry, Selectboard Member

Anna Gilbody, Selectboard Member

Jo Beth Dudley, Selectboard Chairman