

Dalton Select Board Meeting

Minutes of January 27, 2020 Meeting

Present were Selectmen: Chair Jo Beth Dudley. Carol Sheltry and Tamela Swan
Also present were John Swan, Ron Sheltry, Fire Chief; and Christine Crane.

Called to Order at 6:33 PM by Chairman Dudley.

The Select Board completed check signing asking occasional questions.

Carol Sheltry made a motion to accept the 1/20/20 Minutes as presented. Tamela Swan seconded the motion and all three selectmen voted in favor.

Tamela Swan made a motion to accept the 1/20/20/Non-Public Minutes as presented. Carol Sheltry seconded the motion and all voted in the affirmative.

There were multiple changes and additions to the 1/21/20 meeting minutes so they were withdrawn to be retyped and presented at the 2/3/20 meeting for approval.

Christine Crane came forward to ask what she would need to do for her pending purchase of land in Dalton in regards to zoning for her animals and adding an out building. Chair Dudley referred her to the temporary zoning ordinance passed in July 2019 by the Town and stated, that as long as she adhered to those, she should not have any problems. Ms. Crane left the meeting at 7:16.

Jo Beth Dudley will confer with the planning board to make sure all documents and emails have been forwarded to the Mitchell Group regarding the Right to Know request.

There was discussion about the Conservation Commission meeting which the Select Board attended. Chairman Dudley was concerned about the vague answers and the skill sets of the members. Jon Swan brought up concerns about the appointment of some members and that it did not follow proper procedures. There were concerns expressed about the lack and inconsistency of the minutes and meeting notices. There were concerns for the new wetlands procedures and that some members may need to recuse themselves from voting on certain issues. There are 3 positions to appoint in 2020. There was concern about adhering to the Conservation Commission's procedure for attending 3 consecutive meetings before being appointed. The board gave Chair Dudley to consult with the Town's attorney regarding the best procedure to follow. The board agreed that all members need to take an "oath of office". The interim Administrative Assistant will forward them a copy of their bank statement for December 2019 and monthly hereafter. She was also directed to ask them to reduce their report for the Town's Annual Report to one page.

Jo Beth Dudley made a motion to appoint Tamela Swan as the board's representative on the Conservation Commission. Carol Shelby seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

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Chair Dudley wanted to make sure that all election and hearing notices were properly and timely noticed. She also requested the interim administrative assistant to see if there are letters to add meeting notices to the sign in the foyer.

After a brief discussion it was decided to have the budget hearing at 7 PM on Monday, February 10th and to start the Select Board meeting at 6 PM. If necessary, the select board meeting will be recessed for the budget hearing.

There was discussion about adding another computer and of which type and what was needed to add a new computer for the fire chief. + town treasurer

Carol Sheltry brought forward a proposal to have the State Police take over the Town's policing. There was discussion about what that would entail and what the changes would be. They will do two warrant articles to give the voters a choice of keeping what they have or moving to State Police coverage.

Chair Dudley brought forth the Census request to verify the Town's legal boundaries. She will bring this to the next planning board meeting for their input and perhaps to have Terri Parks complete it.

At 9:38 PM Jo Beth Dudley made a motion to go into Non-Public for personnel reasons. Tamela Swan seconded the motion and all approved the motion and agreed also by a roll call vote.

The meeting resumed at 9:58 PM.

There being no further business, at 10:00 PM Jo Beth Dudley made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Carol Sheltry. All three selectmen voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

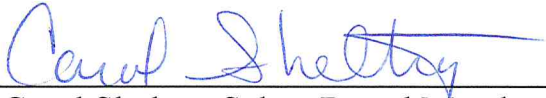
The next Regular Board meeting is **February 3, 2020 at 6:30 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Peabody
Interim Administrative Assistant
Town of Dalton

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January 27, 2020 Minutes as approved by the Select Board on 2/3/2020.



Carol Sheltry, Select Board Member



Tamela Swan, Select Board Member



Jo Beth Dudley, Select Board Chairman