

SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF DALTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

January 27, 2020

Dear Chief Sheltry,

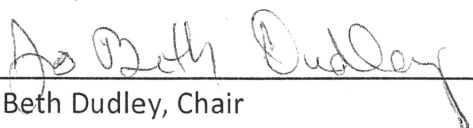
This letter is to resolve the situation that began with a complaint filed on May 6, 2019 by Kathy Barden. The Select Board was pleased to reinstate you as the Chief of the Dalton Fire and Rescue Service upon receipt of the October 23, 2019 letter from Robert L. Quinn, Commissioner, State of New Hampshire Department of Safety. The Department of Safety, Division of Fire Standards and Training & Emergency Medical Services, performed an investigation of the May 6th allegations. The conclusion of the investigation is that "the complaint is considered unfounded and is hereby dismissed." Each of the allegations that you were in violation of relevant state statutes (RSA 153-A:13 I(a, b, and d)) "is deemed unfounded."

The Board will publish the official letter from the State EMS Board, as described above, on the Town's website, together with the 911 transcript of the incident that was the source of the allegations.

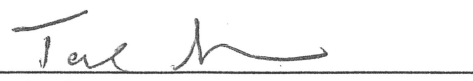
On behalf of the Board of Selectman of the Town of Dalton, this letter is an official apology from the Select Board for the unfortunate situation that occurred with your suspension on June 3, 2019. The Board hereby apologizes for any distress caused by this action. The Board further acknowledges that holding an open and fair hearing would have been the prudent course of action in this situation.

In addition, the Board of Selectman publicly acknowledges their appreciation for the outstanding work done by the Dalton Fire Department and the volunteer EMS members, and their appreciation for your leadership and commitment to the Dalton Fire/EMS Department.

Sincerely,


Jo Beth Dudley, Chair

recused
Carol Sheltry


Tamela Swan