

**Dalton Select Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Public Session  
August 31, 2020**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Jo Beth Dudley, Chair. Select Board members Carol Shetry and Tamela Swan were present. In person participants included Casella Waste Management/North Country Environmental Services representatives Brian Oliver, Kevin Roy and John Gay, with Harry Newel providing videography services for Casella. Over 40 participants joined remotely via Zoom.

The Board listened to a presentation by Casella, outlining the content of the draft Host Community Agreement (HCA) presented to the Select Board at the meeting. The proposed HCA would be between the Town of Dalton and the Granite State Landfill, LLC. A copy of the proposed draft HCA and summary is attached.

Casella noted that they would be submitting a Wetlands Application to NH Department of Environmental Services (NH DES) the following morning. The Select Board requested a copy of the NH DES submission. The Casella representatives reported that copies had been dropped off at the municipal building late in the afternoon, and the Select Board will look into this, as they have not seen said copies.

Jo Beth Dudley asked about a municipal zoning application, and Casella engineer John Gay indicated they would look into it. Based on their three-year review of land owned by Douglas Ingerson/JW Chipping, Casella is proposing a landfill with a footprint of 137 acres. Carol Shetry asked about the 25-year term of the proposed host agreement, as estimates on capacity indicate that a 137 acre landfill would operate for much longer. Casella said the agreement would be for as long as the landfill was operating. Upon questioning for clarification from the Select Board, Casella confirmed that the base payment discussed would be the tax payment, utilizing a BTLA formula.

The Select Board noted that they would review the draft proposed HCA in more detail, as they had not had an opportunity to read it yet. It will be discussed at a future Select Board meeting. A motion was made by Carol Shetry, seconded by Tamela Swan, to approve the minutes of the 8/24/20 Select Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Tamela Swan, seconded by Carol Shetry, to approve the minutes of the 8/24/20 Select Board meeting, non-public session #1. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

participating communities to support development of a proposal for a replacement Lancaster Area dispatch service. More information will be provided in the future as planning continues. Daton will investigate options, and associated costs, such as working with Troop 6 Twin State, or a Coos County dispatch service. *Such as working with*

COVID Reimbursement updates were noted, including changes in the timing of reimbursement corrections noted previously. The next application for COVID reimbursements for expenses through August 31<sup>st</sup> is due on September 15, 2020. Jo Beth Dudley will begin working on the application over the Labor Day weekend, and requests all COVID related expenses to be provided to her as soon as possible. There were some agency follow-up questions to the CARES Act application submitted for COVID related election expenses regarding increased numbers of absentee ballots. The questions will be address by Jo Beth Dudley.

The Select Board reconsidered their choice of an Audit firm to perform the audit of 2019 (as no Auditor was elected in March 2020, the town will employ a professional audit firm). Based on the detailed proposal information, timing and cost, a motion was made by Carol Shetry for the Board to engage the Graham & Verhoff firm. The motion was seconded by Pamela Swan and passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

A motion was made and seconded, and passed unanimously by roll call vote, to go into non-public session at 7:55 pm to discuss a Right to Know Request for non-public meeting minutes sealed by the Select Board. The board noted that they would only come out of the non-public sessions to adjourn the meeting, with no further public business to be discussed. Therefore, the remote access part of the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned after the non-public session.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,  
Jo Beth Dudley

Minutes approved on September 9, 2020

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Carol Shetry

*Tamela Swan*  
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Tamela Swan

*Jo Beth Dudley*  
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Jo Beth Dudley, Chair