***Minutes* of July 15, 2020 Meeting**

Present were Selectmen**:**  Chair Jo Beth Dudley, Carol Sheltry and Tamela Swan. Also present were Ron Sheltry, Fire/EMS Chief and many members of the Fire Department. There were no remote attendees.

At 6:02 PM Chairman Dudley Called the meeting to Order.

Ron Sheltry was recognized. He handed out information on the proposal to purchase a new used pumper from the Whitefield Fire Department. The Current pumper was made from a converted oil tank and has no pump and the truck is very difficult to drive such that only 2-4 members of the department are able to drive it. It has 957,111 miles on it and is leaking oil so an engine rebuild is going to be needed in the near future. The air dryer needs replacement as well as other repairs at an estimated total cost of between $13,000 and $20,000 for both the engine and the Truck work.

The proposed purchase tanker has a 3000-gallon purpose-built tank with a build in pump. The truck is in good condition with a motor rebuilt a few thousand miles ago and no oil leaks. It has 398,800 miles. It will require that the signage be changed and needs a new seat cushion. The truck is easier to shift and drive so that most of the members will be able to drive it after training.

Tamela Swan made a motion to approve a bid of $16,000 to purchase the 1986 Whitefield Tanker with funds to come from the Fire Department Major Vehicle Equipment Trust Fund. Jo Beth Dudley seconded the motion and all of the selectmen approved the motion in a roll call vote.

A bid will need to written to take to the Town of Whitefield. The bid will refer to the vote in the minutes which will be available as draft soon and as approved minutes after the July 27th Select Board meeting.

If the purchase is completed, Chief Sheltry thought that the old tanker could be sold to recoup most of the purchase price.

Chairman Dudley thanked Chief Sheltry for his presentation. She also thanked the attending firemen for their contribution to the town and especially for their volunteer assistance at Forest Lake State Park. Ron Sheltry commented that he is adding lime to the pit toilet to keep it fresh and that there is a picnic table that needs to be fixed.

Chairman Dudley read a letter that Casella had sent to the State offering assistance. Those present thought they had enough volunteers and did not need any funds. The big improvement is the safety aspect with cars no longer parking along the road and children no longer exiting cars and walking along the road.

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Chairman Dudley made a motion to go into Non-Public at 6:19 PM for personnel reasons. Tamela Swan seconded the motion and all approved it in a roll call vote.

Chairman Dudley stated that she was closing done the remote portion of the meeting and would not re-open it as they would adjourn the meeting immediately after the non-public session.

The public meeting resumed at 6:37 PM. Jo Beth Dudley made a motion to seal the non-public minutes of the July 15th meeting. Tamela Swan seconded the motion and all approved it in a roll call vote.

Jo Beth Dudley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 PM which was seconded by Tamela Swan and approved by all with a roll call vote.

The next regular meeting is **July 27, 2020 at 6:30 PM. This meeting will be available remotely. The information for the remote connection is posted on the Town’s website.**  If anyone has question or needs assistance in making the remote connection please email: *selectmen@townofdalton.com* *or call: 603-827-7027 ext. 10 and leave a message.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Interim Administrative Assistant

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**July 15, 2020 Minutes as** approved by the Select Board on 7/27/2020.

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 Carol Sheltry, Select Board Member

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 Tamela Swan, Select Board Member

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Jo Beth Dudley, Select Board Chairman