Monday, October 17, 2022 6:30 PM Regular Session Dalton Select Board

Call to order at 6:30 pm by Jo Beth Dudley. Select Board members Jo Beth Dudley, Carol Sheltry and Tamela Swan were present. Town Admin, Jeanette Charon present and note taking.

Public attendees: Jon Swan, Don Mooney, Nancy Mooney, Cathy Dubreuil, Tom Dubreuil, Frank Tillotson, Scott Kleinschrodt, Eric Pilotte, Robin Pilotte, and others who chose not to sign in.

The Select Board signed a Current Use Tax Warrant, etc.

Non-public minutes from October 3, all edited to correct Swab to Swan were approved, with motion to approve made by Tamela, seconded by Carol: Session 1 approved by Jo Beth, Tamela, and Carol. Session 2 approved by Jo Beth, Tamela, and Carol. Session 4 approved by Tamela, Carol, and Jo Beth with additional edits. Session 5 approved by Tamela, Carol and Jo Beth.

The Select Board reviewed and approved meeting minutes from the working session on October 10, 2022, unedited. Tamela motioned, Carol second and approved by roll call. Non-public session minutes 1, 2, 3, and 4 were approved, motioned by Tamela, seconded by Carol, and approved unanimously via roll call vote.

Cathleen Fountain dropped of a letter announcing the nominations James D. Ennis, Jr for Moderator, and Carol A. Job for Supervisor of the Checklist, both for the Town of Dalton. Tamela motioned to accept the nominations with a second by Carol. Approved via roll call vote.

Friends of the Town of Dalton lease is up for review. The Board is reviewing and will decide on any necessary changes to discuss at the next meeting.

The Board is considering the restriction of campaigning on town property such as the transfer station and the municipal building. The questions pending is whether or not any type of campaigning should be allowed on town property. One suggestion is to allow campaigning outside the transfer station gate. The board will discuss it at our next meeting.

The Board would also like to clean-up the inconsistencies (alcohol use for instance) in the property use policy and discuss it at the next meeting.

Jo Beth motioned to approve the warrant for the General Election when the state sends the package with the required documentation. Carol seconded the motion. Tamela, Carol and Jo Beth approved via roll call vote.

Jeanette gave an update on the November 8th General Election preparation. We are currently gathering workers for election day. Cathleen and Jeanette will meet with the new Moderator and Supervisor of the Checklist among others to discuss the preparation for the election.

Jeanette gave an update on the wastewater work cybersecurity grant. The free cybersecurity assessment must be completed prior to the work. We are awaiting scheduling from the assessing company so we can apply for the grant.

Jeanette submitted an application for a transfer station grant that focuses on recycling and transfer modernization. No word has come back yet on awards.

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The Board went through the North Country Council survey on a SWOT analysis for the North Country area. The Board chose options to be recorded on the survey and returned to NCC by Jeanette.

Employee Health insurance premiums with Health Trust are increasing by 11.7%. We will put together information and provide it to the Board as well as the employees enrolled.

Lufkin Security was approved for fire department, municipal building, and pump house, security cameras and monitoring. Kevin (Lufkin Security) confirmed equipment was ordered. He will confirm once it's received so work can be scheduled.

No update on the fuel and propane contracts. Fuel prices continue to fluctuate and many companies are not locking in prices this winter.

We do not have an update from Bob on the acceptance on the highway equipment operator position.

We have a resident who has expressed interest in being our Town Dog Officer. Jeanette reached out to Primex who confirmed the position would be covered under our insurance if parttime or on-call. No additional advice was received. The Select Board asked about the qualifications for an animal control officer, and would like to know what qualifications are required by other surrounding towns . Jeanette to follow up.

Scott Kleinschrodt voiced concerns on the use of the Town Hall and the denial of the property to certain groups. He also voiced concerns regarding having public input for the budget when it's forming and not afterwards. Lastly, he asked if Dalton would be interested in partnering with Lancaster, Whitefield, or Littleton for police services. He was informed that all these things can be discussed in further detail at any meeting by requesting the opportunity to discuss them in greater length for any meeting.

Jo Beth made a motion to enter non-public session at 8:12pm. The motion was seconded by Tamela and approved by Tamela, Carol and Jo Beth.

Jo Beth motioned to re-enter public 8:56pm. Tamela seconded, approval by unanimous roll call vote.

Conservation Commission Chair sent an email nominating Jon Swan to the Dalton Conversation Commission as an alternate since their meetings are being regularly cancelled due to lack of a quorum. Carol motioned and Jo Beth second. Tamela recused herself on the vote. There were two alternate positions available, one remains.

Jo Beth made a motion with a second by Tamela to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 pm. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Jeanette Charon.

Minutes Approved On:

Jo Beth Dudley

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Carol Sheltry

Tamela Swan