

**Monday, January 23, 2023 6:30 PM**  
**Regular Session**  
**Dalton Select Board**

Call to order at 6:33 pm by Jo Beth Dudley. Select Board members Jo Beth Dudley and Carol Sheltry were present. Town Admin, Jeanette Charon present and note taking.

Public attendees: Scott Kleinschrodt, Cathy Dubreuil, Terri Parks, Tom Dubreuil, Eric Pilotte, Robin Pilotte, and Pam Kathan as well as others who chose not to sign in.

The Select Board signed an Oath of Office.

The Select Board reviewed and approved meeting minutes from the meeting on January 9, 2023, as amended. Jo Beth motioned, Carol second and approved by roll call.

The Select Board reviewed and approved working session meeting minutes from the meeting on January 16, 2023, as amended. Jo Beth motioned, Carol second and approved by roll call.

The Select Board reviewed and approved working session meeting minutes from the meeting on January 20, 2023, as amended. Jo Beth motioned, Carol second and approved by roll call.

January 20, 2023 non-public session minutes #1 were approved, motioned by Jo Beth, seconded by Carol, and approved unanimously via roll call vote.

Jo Beth motioned to continue with the North Country Fire Mutual Aid Contract for 2023. Second by Carol with approval via roll call. Contract was executed; a copy will go to Ron Sheltry.

Jo Beth motioned to move the new website to .org or .gov in addition changing our emails to the same .org or .gov. Carol second the motion with approval via roll call. Jeanette to work on the accessibility piece for the website, including accessibility for the town buildings.

Jeanette will reach out to setup the initial Zoom meeting for the website redesign, and will reach out to include the department and committee heads.

Terri Parks will find the drawing of a Town Logo and/or Town Seal, she did for a contest to send over for consideration on our new website as well as for town information, letters, etc.

We haven't received the Brett Purvis annual assessment contract renewal from Gary. The 5-year re-assessment contract has been approved pending accuracy with the original renewal. Notices should be sent out with the inventory form to make people aware that the re-assessment period is now and that Gary will be making visits to homes in the upcoming months. Jeanette to confirm process meets legal requirements. Perhaps inviting Gary to the next meeting is a good idea so he can explain/answer questions regarding the assessment process.

Two highway vehicles are up for replacement. The large dump truck could be partially covered with the NH Clean Diesel Grant. Jeanette is working on the grant application for this matching funding opportunity, and the requirements for a Bond. Bob is working on getting pricing options for the truck. The 2016 Ford F550 replacement has been ordered and is anticipated to cost approximately \$125k fully equipped. This cost will be covered by funds in the corresponding Capital Reserve Fund. Bob is also working on a list of equipment with anticipated replacement dates for future planning.

Horizon sent an email for an additional \$1200 to complete the Periodic Sampling Summary Report for the test wells surrounding the closed town landfill. Tamela is reviewing what was included in their contract as well as confirming Horizon Engineering is handling the reports and that they'll be submitted by NHDES' deadline.

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The transfer station fees have been reviewed, compared w/surrounding towns, and discussed. Vic stated that Casella offered to take over the transfer station if we would have negotiated with them. Jo Beth mentioned that nothing has been solidified with Casella and there are many state permitting issues pending with them. We will mention the Transfer station at Town Meeting to see if residents will form a group to explore options for a better, more efficient, and maybe less expensive facility is possible, and to review our pricing structure.

Certified Computer Systems' annual service contract was reviewed. They've provided good service and have been very responsive. Jo Beth motioned to approve with a second by Carol with approval via roll call. Jo Beth also motioned to add the AI based Next Generation Antivirus option. Carol second with approval via roll call.

Scott Kleinschrodt asked about receipt of the public safety petition he dropped off last week and whether or not it was going to be supported by the SB. Jo Beth responded that the petition will be on the Town Meeting Warrant. The Select Board is still working on the warrant articles for town meeting, and the decision whether or not to support specific warrant articles will be made in conjunction with that process.

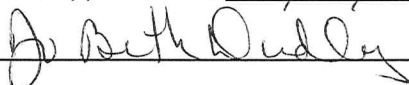
Scott also mentioned concern about the lack of diversification of our tax base. Jo Beth explained that business revenue does not directly affect the tax base of our town, as business taxes are paid to the State. The tax base increases when the assessed value of the property increased. In conversation with the attendees, it was noted that the typically 80% of the tax bill goes to funding education (State and Local) and the County. The Select Board recommended that residents attend the respective budget hearings for the White Mountain Regional School District and for Coos County, as those components of our tax bills are not under the direct control of the Select Board and the town. The Select Board tries to mitigate the effects of the burden as best as we can.

Eric Pilotte asked about affordable housing and expressed concerns about schooling, public safety such as police and fire, additional buses, drugs, etc. Jo Beth stated there are many factors that go into all of these options and they must be examined carefully. Many towns do get involved in PPP (Public Private Partnerships) in order to support development.

Jo Beth made a motion with a second by Carol to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Jeanette Charon.

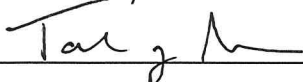
Minutes Approved On: 02/06/2023 (date)

  
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Jo Beth Dudley

  
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Carol Sheltry

  
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