

Monday, August 3, 2026 @ 6:30 PM
Regular Session
Dalton Select Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Jo Beth. Select Board members Jo Beth Dudley, Eric Moore and Warren Green were present. Meeting available for public viewing via Zoom.

Public attendees: Michael Carrier. Via Zoom: None.

The board signed accounts payable and payroll checks. Jo Beth asked if the Primex check was the annual payment; Jeanette confirmed it was. Jo Beth asked if the Eckman Engineering closeout costs for Smith Road would be partially reimbursed by FEMA; Jeanette stated they would not as we had been paid the maximum allowable for engineering services on that contract already. Jo Beth asked if the Spectrum phone lines were the ones we needed to keep for the alarm system; Jeanette confirmed we needed to keep one line and the other two are still waiting to be moved over to Fidium. Jeanette checks on the status of that move regularly. Jo Beth asked if we pay more using Fidium; Jeanette stated that it may look that way since the internet is on the same bill – and that includes the fire station as well as the highway garage internet services.

Jeanette provided the June bank reconciliations along with the June transaction report and the report for January through June 2026.

Jeanette presented one timber yield warrant for the board's approval. Jo Beth motioned with a second by Eric and approval via roll call vote.

The board executed one intent to cut.

The meeting minutes from July 20, 2026, were provided for review and approval. Warren motioned to approve the minutes. Jo Beth provided a second with approval via roll call vote. Eric abstained due to his absence from that meeting.

Nonpublic meeting minutes 1, 2, and 3 from July 20, 2026, were provided for review and approval. Warren provided a motion with Jo Beth providing a second. Approval via roll call vote with Eric abstaining due to his absence from the July 20th meeting.

Carpet Connection was in the building and laid down some tile in areas where adhesive was spread. The moisture issue in the slab will need to be investigated by another company. The moisture barrier applied isn't drying as it should and the moisture issue will continue to be a problem if flooring is just reinstalled again. Jeanette is waiting on the contact information from Bob at Carpet Connection.

The select board goals for this year continue to progress. Building maintenance, the transfer station committee and reviewing/updating the town's policies and ordinances are top priority this year. The board chose to schedule a working session to start working on the policy updates.

The traffic signs for Big Hill and Blakslee have arrived. Jeanette will coordinate with Adam on placement and then proceed to issue an invoice to Under Canvas for reimbursement of the materials and installation, as agreed. Jeanette will include the couple hours of excavator and operator time from mud season for road repairs required after a delivery truck traveled the road against the posted road closure. Under Canvas has installed their signs. Due to the resolution of the traffic and sign issues, it was determined that a combined Select Board, Planning Board and Under Canvas meeting at the upcoming Planning Board meeting is not necessary.

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The Conservation Commission hasn't met since the last meeting.

The planning board meets on Wednesday, August 5, 2026.

The host community agreement committee meets again Monday, September 21, 2026.

The building committee hasn't met but work items continue to progress. Jeanette had North Country Mechanical come to the building to look at options for air circulation – one of the issues believed to be adding to the moisture problems. John Baker visited the rooftop and looked at the two air handling units (AHU's). They appear to be in decent shape and could possibly be put back into service. Jeanette asked for a proposal and was told it would be one guy for half a day at \$125/hour. Since this cost falls within the allowable expenditure for Jeanette's approval, she asked that the assessment work be scheduled so the board could decide what action to take going forward. John stated he would be back the week of August 3rd to do the work. Jeanette will report back once the assessment is complete. Jeanette received two quotes from the electrician Norris Davis Electric for separating the exterior lighting from the lighting in the vestibule as well as replacing three exterior lights on the side of the building servicing the parking lot. The total for all work is \$2,350.00. These work items are safety related and will make a big difference come fall and winter when daylight hours are short. Jo Beth motioned to approve the proposals with Eric providing a second. Approval reached via roll call vote.

The board discussed the transfer station attendant taking recycling and mattresses to the NCES landfill and recycling center in Bethlehem. The mileage rate for the truck/trailer combo was set and approved in the July 20, 2026 meeting. Jo Beth motioned for the board to provide permission for the transfer station attendant to take these items to the NCES/Bethlehem for recycling, as necessary. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

The transfer station committee update was provided by Jo Beth. She had received some additional information regarding recycling that she shared with the committee and the select board members. Jeanette spoke with Casella and Waste Management regarding the recycling pricing and plans. Casella confirmed their current single-sort recycling cost is \$170 per ton for NCES. They will contact her to discuss long term solution options for Dalton. Jeanette's conversation with Waste Management included a proposed plan of open top 10-yard containers for recycling. These would be emptied one a week, or as needed, with a truck equipped with forks so the container could be emptied and left onsite. This should lead to a savings for the town. A formal proposed is in the works and should be received soon. Additionally, Jeanette obtained an updated proposal for the pallet jack with scale from Mettler Toledo for \$4,360, including an extended service contract for one year and calibration of the unit. The unit quoted last winter is being phased out for a newer model. Eleven units are currently on hand and the vendor is willing to provide the municipality a 40% discount as opposed to the 10% received in the winter. Once these eleven units are gone, the quote will no longer be valid. Additionally, NH Recycles has grant funding available that would potentially cover 100% of the cost of this equipment. Jeanette asked for the board's approval in signing a PO for the equipment and applying for the grant. Jo Beth motioned for approval for the purchase of the pallet jack with scale as well as for applying for the grant for the maximum amount of reimbursement. Jeanette stated she had most of the application hand written already and she should be able to get it completed and submitted prior to the September 2026 grant deadline. Eric provided a second to Jo Beth's motion with approval via roll call vote. Michael Carrier said this was a good step forward so that the town knows exactly how much recycling is being generated by residents. Jeanette stated that she

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also obtained pricing for a single-phase compactor/bundler for approximately \$11k. This would allow the town to compact and bundle recycling for potential commodity sales. Cardboard and paper are regaining value in the market while plastic is still low, but starting to slowly recover. Jeanette stated that our issue is that we don't generate enough to offset the amount of the costs associated with these improvements. It was discussed and agreed that the pallet jack with the scale was a start and that things will likely evolve as time goes on. It was discussed how the recycling will continue to be collected, especially if the single-sort dumpsters come into play. It may be a good idea to continue having residents sort the items into gaylords and then have them dumped into the dumpsters after each category is weighed. Jo Beth noticed that we take compost at the station but that it's not clearly marked. Jeanette can look into obtaining a sign from NH the Beautiful for free.

NHMA sent a training notification regarding lithium-ion batteries and the ban on those going into municipal trash containers. There have been fires caused by these batteries at other transfer stations, and the federal government is pushing back on the manufactures to take the old batteries back for recycling. The responsibility lies with the municipalities to keep these items from being thrown away. Jeanette can check into signs for the station. NH Recycling provided handouts for the town to provide at the transfer station. Michael Carrier stated that he does let residents know about the new guidelines.

Jeanette received three resumes for the transfer station attendant position after Michael Carrier was offered and accepted the position. There was talk at one time about hiring a dedicated backup person. The board was open with this idea and asked Michael if there were set days he would like to have someone else cover the station. He stated that one Saturday and one Tuesday a month would be nice; this in addition to any time he may take off for travel. Jeanette will contact the applications to see if they are interested in meeting to discuss the opportunity of working approximately 15 hours per month.

The proposal for replacement of the big highway department truck has been approved by the Executive Council and Governor. The town will proceed with placing an order for the new truck.

FEMA work is progressing. We received approval of the FEMA extension request for two of the three groups of roads, and are waiting for the third extension approval before proceeding with that related work.

Jo Beth motioned to enter nonpublic at 8:04pm for a personal issue. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

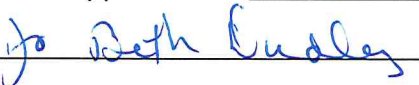
Jo Beth motioned to return to public session at 8:13pm. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Jo Beth motioned to seal the minutes from nonpublic session #1. Warren provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Jo Beth motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:14pm. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Jeanette Charon.

Minutes Approved On: 8/17/26 (date)



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