

Monday, November 25, 2024 6:30 PM

Regular Session

Dalton Select Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm by Eric. Select Board members Jo Beth Dudley, Thomas Dubreuil (Tom), and Eric Moore were physically present. Town Admin, Jeanette Charon present and note taking.

Public attendees: Pam Kathan, Robin Pilotte, Eric Pilotte, Michael Ryan, Mandy Deveno, Warren Green, Kris Ennis, Cathleen Fountain, Carol Sheltry, Evelyn Blakslee, Bill Jones, Corey St. Cyr, Shawn St. Cyr, Brian Parks, Terri Parks, Jay Ennis, Michael Carrier, Scott Kleinschrodt, and videographer Emily Thompson as well as others who chose not to sign in and could not be identified.

Barry Normandeau from Normandeau, Inc. was present to provide his proposal for trucking from the Dalton transfer station to the landfill. Barry provided information regarding landfill options and details of same. Details on his experience and the experience of his trucking company were provided along with his opinion on the best options for dumping. He confirmed that most of his hauling is into Mt. Carberry even though they haul to multiple landfill locations. Kris Ennis asked if there is the possibility to use two landfills at the same time. Barry stated that Colebrook did in the past. Eric Pilotte questioned the amount of out of state trash going into Mt. Carberry since he used to haul in the area frequently. Barry stated that those trucks are the fluff that has to be laid on top of the landfills and not trash. Barry stood firm that only 4-5% of out of state trash gets dumped in Mt. Carberry. Tom asked if Carberry required a contract. Barry stated they do have an agreement with their municipalities who dump in their landfill. Barry mentioned that Carberry is one of the only landfills that accept asbestos other than Waste Management in Rochester. Having an agreement with Carberry allows the municipality to own their rate with small increases annually. Other landfills appear to adjust tipping fees frequently. Pam Kathan asked how long Carberry is permitted for. Barry confirmed it was 10 years or more. Pam asked if they have to go through the same permitting process as Casella. Barry stated it is similar for an expansion permit. Jo Beth asked if there are other trucking companies that haul to landfills. Pam Kathan confirmed there was. She mentioned Presby, Whiting's, and Casella. Barry confirmed that all haulers, large or small, must get approval from Carberry to haul to their landfill. Carberry doesn't take trash from large companies as a way to control volume accepted for their location. Tom asked how many acres are in Carberry, Barry confirmed the landfill is 800 acres +/- . Pam Kathan stated that more landfills would result in more competition and better pricing.

The Board signed payroll and AP checks.

The Board signed one cemetery deed and one yield tax warrant.

Jeanette presented the Board with the bank reconciliations for October along with the October transaction report.

Nonpublic meeting minutes from November 14, 2024, were presented to the Board per Tom's request from our previous meeting. Jo Beth made multiple statements regarding the minutes and the reaction received from Tom and Eric regarding not approving the minutes because they didn't agree with the content of the meeting. Jo Beth reiterated that whether or not they agree with the topic discussed during the meeting, the purpose of the minutes is to acknowledge what was discussed. With both Tom and Eric giving the same reason for not approving the minutes, Jo Beth noted it gave the appearance that they may have discussed their response prior to the meeting. Jo Beth continued to state that the complaint that was filed by Jeanette is valid and their reaction seems to be testament to that. The Board's job is not to agree or disagree, it is to investigate and resolve the complaint. She stated that by

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Tom and Eric saying they don't agree with the minutes, they are not understanding the severity of the complaint. Tom stated that the minutes should have been sealed. He asked how he is hostile. He asked why there was no discussion about the situation. Tom stated that he requires counsel – he thinks a line has been crossed by Jon Swan. Tom motioned for legal counsel on what he perceives as the undermining the Board. Eric provided a second. Jo Beth voted 'nay' stating that seeking counsel should be sought by the entire Board and not solely by Tom.

Jeanette read aloud the email response from Casella regarding the questions the Board had about their proposal for landfill services. Email is attached.

Tom suggested that we get more trucking proposals for hauling trash. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call vote. Jeanette will reach out for quotes from Presby, Whiting's, Timberwolf, and Casella.

The property auction for one property in Dalton is scheduled for Saturday, December 7, 2024 at 11am at the Municipal Building.

The necessary documents have been submitted to Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank for the Tax Anticipation Note (TAN). The bank confirmed funds would be available within 24 hours of receiving the executed closing documents. Documents are expected to be available at the next meeting.

Sansoucy is available to hold a public meeting to breakdown Casella's Host Community Agreement so that residents understand the legalities of the agreement. The Select Board could invite him to hold the meeting.

Tom didn't provide a Dalton Conservation Commission update, but he did ask if Jo Beth had completed reviewing warrant articles pertaining to the operations of the commission. Jo Beth stated she had reviewed many but that she wasn't done yet, as she is pedantically going through archives of town reports. She noted that most of the old town reports do not contain the minutes for the prior year's meeting, and that she'll have to work with the Town Clerk to obtain those minutes. She stated that she needed more time. Jo Beth reminded Tom there were no charges to the town or the select board because of the DCC's appeal filing on GSL's Shoreland permit. Tom asked Jo Beth how much longer she needed. Jo Beth stated she expects to be done soon.

The State fully executed the grant award contracts for the Clean Energy NH Solar Grant. Melissa Elander will be at the meeting on December 9, 2024 to review the next steps for Dalton.

Consolidated is expected to be at Smith Road to raise their line on Tuesday, November 26, 2024. A possible construction/design plan has not been received yet from Eckman Engineering. FEMA is reviewing the costs currently and needs our mitigation plan and estimates to move forward.

Jo Beth had a phone conference with Nate from Upton & Hatfield. She provided updated information obtained from the call seeking clarification of their invoices. She did discuss the exorbitant costs and overcharges. Nate is going to look into possible duplicate billings/charges. A charge from the September invoice was removed by Nate after he confirmed it belonged to a different client. Jo Beth also asked why a paralegal isn't being used for research work. Nate stated that an attorney would still need to review that information before it is provided to the client. Jo Beth expects the Board to receive a corrected invoice. Tom asked about the charges for the Planning Board seeking advice on HB1221. He stated the

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Board only gave permission to get advice one time, not twice. Jo Beth and Jeanette stated that there is generally an initial consultation and then a response. It looks like Nate bills per call. Jo Beth will check with Carl.

Eric asked Jeanette to invite Joe Dumas, Adam King, and Ron Sheltry to the next meeting to discuss state inspections being brought in-house. Jeanette will invite them to the meeting on December 9, 2024, for 6:30pm. Joe will be asked to bring his written proposal with details of his plan.

Public Comment:

Pam Kathan asked about the agenda being posted for the meeting. She claimed to have sent an email to the Select Board and Jeanette. No one had received any such email. Pam was at the municipal building on Wednesday, November 20th and didn't see the agenda. Jeanette stated that the agenda was posted on the bulletin board on Thursday, November 21st. It was also posted on the town's website. Pam asked where it was posted because she didn't see it. Jeanette stated it was on the calendar page where the meeting is posted by clicking on the word "Agenda". Pam asked why it was hidden so deep and Jeanette stated it seemed like the appropriate place since the meeting is noticed on the calendar.

Eric motioned to enter nonpublic at 7:50pm. Tom provided a second with approval via roll call.

Eric motioned to re-enter public session at 8:17pm. Jo Beth provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Eric motioned to seal nonpublic meeting minutes 1, 2, and 3. Jo Beth provided a second with approval via roll call vote.

Jo Beth motioned to return to Mitchell Municipal Group for legal representation. Jo Beth stated reasons for this motion include the ongoing billing issues, delay in responses to legal advice inquiries, lack of timeliness and lack of follow through in legal responses and actions, the high cost of routine work (eg. Review of Personnel Policy and preparation of the TAN letter) and the over and incorrect expenditures charged on multiple billings. Tom asked for time to consider Jo Beth's motion.

Jo Beth motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm. Eric provided a second with approval via roll call.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Jeanette Charon.

Minutes Approved On: 12/9/24 (date)

Jo Beth Dudley

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Thomas Dubreuil

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Eric Moore

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From: Rebecca Metcalf <rebecca.metcalf@casella.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2024 3:39 PM
To: Admin Assistant; Selectmen
Subject: Dalton Solid Waste Services Questions
Attachments: POSTER-Casella-RecyclingYesNo.pdf

Good afternoon Jeanette and members of the board,

Please find below the answers to the questions posed. Please let us know if there is any more clarification needed.

Thank you, Rebecca

Service Questions:

1. If NCES is closed and not accepting trash, Casella stated they would accept Dalton's trash and take it to another one of their nearby facilities. Two questions:
 - a. How will the facility accept our trash if it is closed? Will someone be there even though the facility has ceased operations?

Answer: Casella is a fully integrated resource management company with multiple transfer stations and facilities that are licensed to accept waste in New Hampshire. Upon closure of NCES, we would assess and determine which would be the best option.

- b. Will Casella pay for the additional trucking fees associated with taking Dalton's trash to one of their facilities further away?

Answer: Casella's proposal to the Town of Dalton is for a term of two years. When that term ends, we would assess which of our multiple transfer stations and facilities would be best suited to accept Dalton's materials, and would take into account hauling costs.

- c. Does Casella provide trucking services? If so, can a proposal be obtained?

Answer: Yes, Casella provides hauling services. If the Town wishes for Casella to put together a proposal for hauling, we will do so.

- d. Can Dalton choose its own trucking company to deliver trash to NCES?

Answer: Yes. Hauling is not included in the current proposal.

- e. Casella's proposal stated that all of Dalton's MSW and CD along with their recycling would go to NCES. Is it required to send our recycling to NCES?

If we must send our recycling to NCES, must we also send our aluminum and metals?

Answer: Our proposal includes taking Dalton's household Zero-Sort recyclables (see attached), and assumes that you will continue to use your existing providers for specialty items such as metals, and although not recyclables, items such as appliances, and tires.

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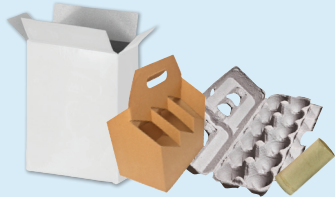
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Corrugated Cardboard
(Wavy center layer)



Boxboard
(Dry-food boxes, egg cartons, & rolls)



Junk Mail, Periodicals, & Office Paper
(Paper bags, envelopes, & catalogs)

PLASTIC



Plastic Bottles, Jugs, Tubs, & Lids
(Empty kitchen, laundry, & bath containers)

METAL



Aluminum & Steel Cans
(Foil & empty food & beverage cans)

GLASS



Glass Bottles & Jars
(Empty food & beverage bottles & jars)

REMEMBER TO RECYCLE BETTER!

- ✓ No items smaller than 2" in size
- ✓ All containers are empty, rinsed, & dry
- ✓ Cardboard is flattened & broken down
- ✓ There are NO items from the **NOT ACCEPTED** list in the recycling bin



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