**MINUTES
SELECT BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING
CALLAHAN ROOM, TOWN HALL
Monday, April 23rd, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

**Members present:** Robert W. Bishop Jr., Chair
 Edward Holub
 John W. Bartels Jr.
 John F. Boyle

**Also present:** Kenneth Walto, Town Manager
 Brittany Miller, Recording Secretary
 John Ostretch, Dalton Cable Television Cameraman
 Patricia LeBeoulf, Berkshire Eagle Reporter
 Laura Maffuccio
 Daniel Filiaut
 Al Nadeau, 24 Elaine Ave.
 Troop 4 Boy Scouts
 Zack McCain, Scout Master
 Sue Garcia, Scout Leader
 Peter & Cassandra Sternerup

**Absent/ excused:** Marc E. Strout, Vice Chair

**Call to Order:** Mr. Bishop called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Minutes**

* **3/26/18** – J.Bartels made a motion to approve the minutes, E.H. seconded, all in favor.

**Public Address to the Board:**

* Al Nadeau would like to be recognized on item 14, Select Board’s health insurance.
* Peter Sternerup on item 6.
* Members of Troop 4 on badge earning.

**Opened as Licensing Board – 7:03 p.m.**

**Public Hearing:**

* **Consideration of Pouring License for Silver Bear Distillery:**Peter & Cassandra Sternerup are in the startup phase of their distillery holding federal and state permits. Some clarification was given of the local products they will be providing: things produced at their location. It is undecided if there will be a charge for sampling. J.Boyle made a motion to accept the pouring license for Silver Bear Distillery, E.H. seconded, R.B. abstains, all else in favor.

**Closed as Licensing Board – 7:11 p.m.**

 **Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Presentation – Creating an Economic Development District:**

* As presented by Mr. Walto on behalf of the Planning Commission, the designation of Berkshire County as an Economic Development District (EDD) provides additional federal assistance to the towns within. Debra Beavin, ED representative shall receive the Board’s letter of support. J.Bartels made a motion to support becoming an EDD, E.H. seconded, all in favor.

**Report of the Traffic Commission – Washington Mtn. Rd.:**

* Daniel Filiaut shares paperwork updates of the Traffic Commission. Letters from the Town of Becket and Washington concerning their position were received- Becket does not support a truck ban, they suggest signage; Washingon did not take a stance. He and Mr. Walto will be meeting with the Pittsfield Traffic Commission Thursday at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the truck ban. Dalton Division Rd. work will be complete by 2023. Crane intersection will be re-done as soon as 2019. A letter of response to the surrounding towns of our disappointment to be denied support and urge them to reconsider will be written by Mr. Walto.

**Proposal for a County or Regional Valuation of Utility Property:**

* Mr. Walto reports on engineer and appraiser, George E. Sansoucy’s presentation made to the County Board of Assessors Association proposing a five year contract, costing $5K/ year. For the purpose of taxation, the proposal asks for the development, computer modeling, and implementation of a mass appraisal for certain utility personal property such as Berkshire Gas, Eversource, and New England Power/ MA Electric Company. Mr. Holub asks if this second opinion appraisal could come in as less, to which this is answered “yes”. Mr. Boyle inquires as to whether the work load will be decreased in the Assessor’s office – Laura Maffuccio replies that it will not. Mr. Bartels verifies that the contract can be negotiated- it can be. Final information will be provided at the end of May meeting. It is unsure whether the railroads are real estate or personal property - Mrs. Maffuccio will look into how other towns handle their railroads per J.Boyle’s request. J.Bartels makes a motion to allow Mr. Walto to send a letter of interest, E.H. seconded, all in favor.

**Annual Opening Day Softball Parade:**

* J.Bartels makes a motion to approve the annual Dalton/ Hinsdale Little League Parade on April 28th, 2018, E.H. seconded, all in favor.
* J.Bartels makes a motion to approve the annual Opening Day Dalton CRA Softball Parade on May 5th, 2018 from 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. beginning at the Dalton Senior Center up High St. to the main softball field at Pine Grove Park, E.H. seconded, all in favor.

 **Opened as Parks Commission – 7:41 p.m.**

**Consideration of Permit to allow amplified music and announcements during 2018 at certain Pine Grove Park events:**

* J.Bartels reads the letter of request from Dustin Belcher to play music and announce at an approved volume level at certain Pine Grove events listed. J.Bartels makes a motion of allowance, E.H. seconded, all in favor.

**Closed as Parks Commission – 7:42 p.m.**

**Designation & Proclamation of Peace Officers Memorial Day and National Police Week:**

* A memo from Chief of Police, Jeffrey E. Coe was communicated to announce May 15th, 2018 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day. It is requested that our American Flag be lowered at half-staff on this day. J.Bartels makes a motion to approve the activities of the Police Officers’ Memorial Day and National Police Week starting May11th through May 17th, 2018, E.H. seconded, all in favor.

**Appointments:**

* **Cultural Council**
J.Bartels makes a motion to ratify the appointments of Martha L. Domingues of 162 Tower Rd. and Donald E. Harris, Jr. of 274 Old Windsor Rd. to the Dalton Cultural Council in order to fill vacancies for terms to expire on June 30th, 2020, J.Boyle seconded, all in favor.
The spelling of Mrs. Domingues’ name will be checked via Mr. Walto.

**Policy Proposals for Select Board Health Insurance:**

* J.Bartels will ask the authority whether their decision takes the opportunity out of future board’s hands. Al Nadeau comments that this issue is a budget issue. J.Boyle makes a motion to table the discussion to June 11th, 2018 when all Board members are present, J.Bartels seconded, all in favor.

**Wahconah School Building Committee/ CBRSD School Committee Reports:**

* Next meeting is Thursday for approval of the educational plan. Many design options were discussed all of which were 2 story building ideas. A combination of Nessacus and Wahconah was suggested but due to the wetlands and grant this will not be a viable option.

**Town Manager Updates:**

* **Marijuana Workshop**Mr. Walto reminds the Board that there is a recreational marijuana workshop taking place tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. in Lenox.
* **Letter from Sean M. Carroll, Deputy General Counsel**Department of Telecommunications and Cable will conduct listening sessions in north and central county beginning in May.
* **High St. & Old Windsor Rd.**Construction on High St. and Old Windsor Rd. in May.
* **Annual Reports**Annual Reports will be delivered by the Boy Scouts soon.

**Items for Future Agendas:**

* Daniel Filiaut Hazard Mitigation Plan
* Walker Brook update
* Executive Session minutes

**Remarks of the Select Board:**

* The Annual Report has been distributed; please read and attend town meeting!
* J.Boyle praises John Roughley’s crew for their heavy construction work.

**Announcements:**

* **The Veterans’ Agent** office hoursare Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the Town Hall and 11:40 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Services for Dalton Veterans are now available Monday – Friday through the North Adams Veterans Services Department: call 413-662-3040 or e-mail SRoy@NorthAdams-MA.gov. This information is posted on the Town Website: Dalton-MA.gov under Town Departments/TownServices/Veterans.
* **Public Power** is now the Town’s supplier for the Municipal Electrical Aggregation Program. You will see that name as the supplier of electricity on your Eversource bill, unless you have another supplier. **To** **opt in or out of the program** go on-line to: <https://colonialpowergroup.com/dalton/> or call Public Power at 1-800-830-2944.
* **The Conservation Commission** is looking for new members. If interested, please contact the Town Manager’s Office at 413-684-6111 ext. 11..
* **Robert W. Bishop, Jr.** holds office hours, by appointment, in the Select Board Office at the Town Hall. For further information please call 413-684-6111 ext. 11.
* Please note that **Dalton’s Official Meeting Postings, Agendas and Minutes** can be viewed at *mytowngovernment.org/01226*.
* **State Representative Paul Mark** holds office hours at the Dalton Town Hall, 462 Main St. in The Callahan roomon Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. with the exception of the third Tuesday of each month. On the third Tuesday, office hours are 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Town Hall and from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Dalton Senior Center. You can reach his office at his direct number: 413-464-5635.
* **The Building Inspector**’s office hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Tuesdays 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.
R.B. made the motion to adjourn, E.H. seconded; this was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Brittany Miller
Recording Secretary

*The next scheduled meeting will be Monday, May 14th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.*