**MINUTES
SELECT BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
CALLAHAN ROOM, TOWN HALL
Wednesday, July 11th, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

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

**Also present:** Kenneth Walto, Town Manager
 Brittany Miller, Recording Secretary
 John Ostretch, Dalton Cable Television Cameraman
 Richard Hall, 164 Greenridge Dr., Dalton
 Jenny Gitlitz, 2 Pomeroy Ave., Dalton
 Wendy Brown
 Glen Langerwall

**Absent/ excused:**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Minutes**

* **5/14/18** – R.B. made a motion to approve the minutes, E.H. seconded, all in favor.
**5/21/18** – R.B. made a motion to approve the minutes, E.H. seconded, all in favor.

**Public Address to the Board:**

* Jenny Gitlitz inquires about item 12. Mr. Bartels clarifies what annual appointments means.
* Richard Hall inquires about item 11- North Mt. Park “Will it be made available to the public?” “Yes”. R.H. would like to be recognized for item 12.

 **Public Hearing:**

* **Appalachian Trail Club- Local Management Plan:**

Mr. Bartels reads the request sent from Jim Pelletier, Chair of Mass AT Management Committee, to review and input on their revised draft of the Appalachian Trail Local Management Plan which defines the roles and areas of responsibility for partners. A copy of their plan is needed; the Board will invite co-leaders of the Dalton AT Community organization, Margaret Cahill and Andrea Lassor, to the next scheduled meeting.

* **Resolutions Accepting Gifts & Grants:**
Friends of the Historic Dalton Cemeteries- A letter from George White was received indicating their gift of $8,072.82 and instructions to first use this money on East Main St. Cemetery. R.B. makes a motion to accept the gift from the Friends, E.H. seconded, all in favor.
Donation to Dalton Public Library- A $100 gift was given from Karen & Chuck Varney in memorandum of Patricia G. Guild for young childrens’ and young adults’ books including some about the American Revolution and special needs as Pat was a long time educator in special ed.; as well as a foster parent. R.B. makes a motion to accept the gift from the Varneys’, E.H. seconded, all in favor.
* **Approval of 12th Annual Buddy Walk:**Christine Ferrari, Advisor of BCARC, sends a letter of request to have the Buddy Walk this September; to begin and end at Craneville Elementary School with a post celebration. M.S. comments that this is a great cause. R.B. makes a motion to approve the Buddy Walk on 9/22/18, E.H. seconded, all in favor.
* **Wahconah School Building Committee/ CBRSD School Committee Reports:**
There is nothing to report at this time.
* **Inter-Dept. Transfers of Appropriations:**Mr. Walto thanks Town Accountant, Sandra Albano for the preparation of paper work. These transfers pertain to pothole repair on Orchard Rd. and repaving on High/Daly Ave. as well as Grange Hall and Washington Mtn. Rd. repair. R.B. makes a motion to transfer $800 from the Highway Salaries account to Highway Expenses, E.H. seconded, all in favor. R.B. makes a motion to transfer $386 from Sewer Expense to Sewer Salaries, E.H. seconded, all in favor.
* **North Mt. Park Advisory Committee – Report of Prior Pollution:**Mr. Bartels reads an informational email regarding the former Bardin property from Jeffrey Moody. It states Mr. Moody’s knowledge of the toxins in petroleum/ gas/ oils/ and anti-freeze form dumped in the non-APR area where illegal oil storage tank disposals were cut up and buried. He expresses his concern to protect kids and the Town from a possible liability with his familiarity to the property. Another email was brought to the attention of the Select Board which was sent on 6/25/18 to MassDEP anonymously. This particular email explains Dalton’s plans for new sports fields on the polluted property mentioned. As MassDEP is now involved, Mr. Bartels and Mr. Walto will be meeting them on site, Friday morning, 7/13/18. Glen Langerwall of the North Mt. Park Advisory Committee shares his findings on the polluted proposed property, to which came up with no contaminants that they could see. R.B. comments that one of Pittsfield’s softball fields was built on a landfill. J.Boyle picks apart the inaccurate points made in the anonymous email including a nearby river actually existing off property. The Select Board instructs Mr. Langerwall of North Mountain Park Advisory to continue planning, but suspend any site work. R.B. requests any information Mr. Langerwall can obtain from Jim Scalise.
* **Annual Appointments:**R.B. makes a motion to appoint everyone listed with the exception of the Playing Fields & Parks Study Committee. J.Boyle announces his “no vote”. Richard Hall spoke of his surprised reaction to learn Mr. Boyle’s desire for the Green Dalton Committee to be disbanded, he goes on to explain the benefit they’ve been to the Town in helping to raise $142K spent upgrading various systems to help the Town save money and reduce energy. Mrs. Gitlitz adds that she resents the implications some Board members expressed conducing the Committee to be enemies to progress. The motion is carried, J.Boyle opposed, all else in favor.
* **Requests for Deviation from Vacation Policy:**Town Treasurer, Dawn Fahey requests to carry over 12 unused days by FY2018. Mr. Walto finds this to be appropriate as she works excessively. R.B. makes a motion to approve the carry over request, M.S. seconded, all in favor.
Highway Superintendent, John Roughley requests 5 days to be compensated to a 1 week salary pay out. This is warranted in Mr. Walto’s eyes due to the unexpected sewer break. R.B. makes a motion to approve Mr. Roughley’s 5 day compensation, E.H. seconded, all in favor.

**Town Manager Updates:**

* Mr. Walto reads State Senator, Adam Hinds’ email informing him of the land purchase (enactment H. 4301) by Dept. of Fish & Game that the Governor signed off on, which translates to a $100K profit to the Town.
* Old Dalton High demolition- Hill Engineers provided alternative bids: The Senior Center parking extension vs. site utility modifications. Mr. Walto suggests that the Board create a 2 person study group before deciding – R.B. and M.S. volunteer to work with Walto.

**Items for Future Agendas Outstanding List:**

* Old Windsor Rd. Bridge- Spec. Daehling Memorial has seen progress via J.Boyle, he has discovered the widow lives in Colorado.
* M.S. will create the Facebook page for Town of Dalton.
* Follow up investigation during the sewer system evaluation survey to pinpoint infiltration and inflow concerns/ determine next study phase and cost – on the agenda for 7/23/18.
* Invite Linda Kaye Moses in July to designate Dalton as a safe and accepting community in support of diversity – on the agenda for 7/23/18.
* E.H. will review the Master Plan to identify areas for cost savings.
* Update on crosswalk lights at Depot St./ Main St. and River St./ Main St. – removed.
* Term limits for Select Board members – on the agenda for 8/13/18.
* Green Dalton Committee
* Possible pollutants contaminating Town property, Re. North Mt. Park, invite Glen Langerwall – complete.
* Anthony Rd. / Reservoir Rd. damage added to the agenda for 7/23/18 by Mr. Bartels.

**Remarks of the Select Board:**

* J.Bartels speaks to as well as urges his fellow members regarding the North. Mt. Park issue that “We work as a team, if there are questions then reach out to a member”.

**Announcements:**

* **John W. Bartels, Jr.** holdsoffice hours every Thursday afternoon from 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. or by appointment, in the Select Board Office at Town Hall.For further information please call 413-684-6111 ext. 11. & home (413) 684-2526.
* **The Veterans’ Agent office hours** are 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.
* **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 a new member as well as associate members. If interested, please contact the Town Manager’s Office at 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.

**Executive Session:**

J.Bartels declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body. R.B. makes a motion to move to Executive Session to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel and litigation; and to consider the purchase and value of real property as well as the filing of criminal complaints and not return to open session, E.H. seconded. Roll call vote: J.Boyle “yes”, E.H. “yes”, R.B. “yes”, J.Bartels “yes”.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 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, July23rd, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.*