**MINUTES
SELECT BOARD
CALLAHAN ROOM, DALTON TOWN HALL
Monday, November 26th, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

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

**Also present:** Kenneth Walto, Dalton Town Manager
 Brittany Miller, Recording Secretary
 Dalton Cable Television Cameramen
 Jeffrey Coe, Dalton Police Chief
 Laura Maffuccio, Dalton Principal Assessor
 John LaDuke, 98 Fredrick Drive, Dalton
 Jerry Cahalan, Dalton Fire Chief

**Absent/ excused:** Marc E. Strout

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Minutes**

* **11/13/18** – R.B. made a motion to approve the minutes, E.H. seconded, all in favor.

**Public Address to the Board:**

* John LaDuke, 98 Fredrick Drive, Dalton speaks on the potholes at the corner of his street and his attempts to contact someone from Town Hall to fix them. Mr. Walto will be following up on this matter.

 **Public Hearing:**

* **Appointments:
Council on Aging-**
R.B. makes a motion to accept Robert R. Merry of 33 Ensign St. & Yvonne D. Washburn of 197 Main Street Apt. B to the Council on Aging for terms expiring on June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020. Respectively Mr. Merry will move from alternate to full Board member and replaces Thomas Callahan and Ms. Washburn replaces Judith Brooks; recommended by Kelly Pizzi, Executive Director of the Dalton Senior Center. E.H. seconded, all in favor

**Opened Classification Hearing – 7:11 p.m.**

* **Tax Classification Hearing FY 2019:**Laura Maffuccio, Dalton’s Principal Assessor explains the decision to remain a single rate or split tax rate this year Adopting a residential or small commercial exemption would require considerable research and data collecting to implement. The burden falls on commercial and personal property, not residential. Historically the Town has gone 38 years as a single residential exemption of one. Nineteen or fewer eligible small businesses benefit upon inspection. R.B. made a motion to adopt a residential tax rate of one for 2019, E.H. seconded, all in favor. R.B. made a motion to *not* adopt a residential exemption, E.H. seconded, all in favor. R.B. made a motion to *not* adopt a commercial exemption, E.H. seconded, all in favor.

**Closed Classification Hearing – 7:30 p.m.**

* **Creation of a Stipened Position at Dalton Senior Center:**
As outlined by Executive Director, Kelly Pizzi at the Senior Center, a Meal Site Director of 5 hrs./ week is desired. It is currently a volunteer position; and with no one to fill in, the work falls onto staff. It is formerly funded by Elder Services, but may be able to become state funded. This is to be continued to next meeting.
* **Library- Donation in Memory of Ernest “Ernie” Lawrence Harris III:**

R.B. made a motion to accept the donation of $75 in remembrance of Ernest “Ernie” Lawrence Harris III to the Dalton Library, E.H. seconded, all in favor.

* **Grant Acceptance – Katharine L.W. & Winthrop M. Crane III:**RB. made a motion to accept the donation of $2,500 from The Katharine L.W. & Winthrop M. Crane III Charitable Foundation to be used for purchase of Lego Creator and Technic projects and Robotic materials for the Dalton Library, E.H. seconded, all in favor.
* **Cachats for the Troops – August 26, 2018:**A thank you letter addressed to Mr. Bartels is read on behalf of the Cachats for the Troops from Misty Kardasen. “The Home Base Program, a partnership between the Red Sox Foundation and Mass General Hospital, provide help to veterans and their families heal from the invisible wounds of war through clinical care, wellness-based programs, community outreach, education and research.” R.B. echoes these thanks to a 4 year old program. J.Boyle comments on the spring breakfast fundraiser that just keeps on growing.

**Opened as Licensing Board – 7:42 p.m.**

* **Renewal of 2019 License (various):**J.Boyle made a motion to renew annual liquor licenses to all businesses applied i.e. Dewey’s Public House, Dalton VFW Post 9566, Wilkinson Enterprises d/b/a Zips, Dalton Restaurant, Wahconah Country Club, American Legion Post #155, Kelly’s Package Store, JTB & Co., OHM Variety d/b/a Greenridge Variety, Paddy’s, Dalton General Store, Jacobs, Berkshire Organics, Shire Breu-Hous, OHM Pizza d/b/a Paisano, The Stationary Factory, and Silver Bear Distillery, for 2019, E.H. seconded, R.B. abstains, all else in favor.
J.Boyle made a motion that businesses of entertainment license renewals, except Wilkinson Enterprise d/b/a Zips, be accepted i.e. Dewey’s Public House, Jacobs, VFW Post 9566, Wahconah Country Club, Dalton American Legion, Paddy’s, Shire Breu-Hous, The Stationary Factory, E.H. seconded, R.B. abstains, all else in favor.
J.Boyle made a motion that businesses of Game Machines & Juke Boxes license renewals be accepted for 2019 i.e. VFW, Wilkinson Enterprises, Jacobs, Dewey’s, and The American Legion, E.H. seconded, R.B. abstains, all else in favor.
J.Boyle made a motion that businesses of Common Victualler license renewals be accepted for 2019 i.e. American Legion, VFW, Dewey’s, Wilkinson Enterprises, The Dalton Restaurant, Wahconah Country Club, Angelina’s Sub Shop, St. Agnes, WRHS, Craneville Elementary, Nessacus Middle School, Juice ‘n Java, Dalton General Store, Jacobs, Paddy’s, OHM Pizza, Manny’s Pizza, Hot Harry’s, with the exception of Stacie’s Corner Café, E.H. seconded, R.B. abstains, all else in favor.
J.Boyle made a motion that businesses of Auto license renewals are accepted for 2019 i.e. Paul R. Humphrey d/b/a Dalton Motors and Dalton Auto Express Inc., with the exception of Tom’s Auto Sales & Services, R.B. seconded, all in favor.

**Closed as Licensing Board – 7:52 p.m.**

* **Dalton Cable** **Television:**
R.B. made a motion to transfer a franchise fee of $28,682.39 from Charter Communication to the Dalton Community Cable Association for July, August and September 2018, E.H. seconded, all in favor. Bartels refers to an article in which the funding just approved may be cut back or even lost in the not so distant future. Cable TV in Pittsfield, North Adams, Lee and Williamstown has already been affected.
* **Wahconah School Building Committee/ CBRSD School Committee Reports:**
Bartels reiterates his knowledge of schematic talk, a net zero possibility for the building and indefinitely building to a LEED Silver level energy efficient project.
Upcoming schedule:
November 29th, 2018 Working group/ design follow-up/ security.
December 13th, 2018 Working group. Structural systems
January 3rd, 2019 Working group follow-up.
January 10th, 2019 Cost estimate.
January 17th, 2019 Working group.
February 1st - 14th, 2019 Vote design/ cost.
March 13th- 20th, 2019 MSBA.
April 6th, 2019 District vote.
April 10th MSBA approval.
Total project cost will be available the first week of February.

**Town Manager Updates:**

* **Dalton Senior Center-** Mr. Walto states that an equipment dedication ceremony will be at 10am on Friday, 11/30/18. Kelly Pizzi has obtained another $5K grant for more senior exercise equipment to be installed in spring. Walto compliments the Highway Dept. for putting in the equipment.
* **Old Dalton High-** R.B. inquires “when will the bricks fly?” Walto answered that “It’s been slow a little bit, because a subterraneous gym is being tested to make sure no hazardous materials need to be filtered out.”
* **Streetlights-** Still on schedule for December. Now the proud owners of 727 streetlights purchased from Eversource.

**Items for Future Agendas:**

* Short term rentals– E.H. reports that the Planning Board feels the regulations in place cover things. Neighborhood complaints will go to the Police Dept. Item to be revisited in the spring.
* Sewer Rates– will require a study.
* White House on Gulf Rd.– late spring item.
* Elevator for Town Hall– Capital budget for FY20.
* Recognition of Volunteers/ Gibb Kittredge Awards– Ideas to be submitted by February.
* Removal of underground oil storage tanks – report by Dec. 10th.

**Remarks of the Select Board:**

* J.Boyle’s concern– “33 Daly Ave. property vacated and is planned to be turned into an auto repair shop. The current property owner has a tax debt of $16K; and two 10 gallon tanks out front.” Fire Chief Cahalan has already spoken to DEP regarding the tanks. This will be expanded upon at a proposed early meeting on December 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at Nessacus Middle School.

**Announcements:**

* The Dalton Police Department is reminding the citizens of Dalton of the **Winter Parking Ban** which went into effect on November 15, 2018 and will stay in effect until April 15, 2019.
* **John W. Bartels, Jr.** holdsoffice hours by appointment.For further information please call 413-684-6111 ext. 11. & home (413) 684-2526.
* **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.
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**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 discuss strategy with respect to litigation 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 8:30 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, December3rd, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Nessacus Regional Middle School Auditorium.*