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Town of Dalton

462 Main St.

Dalton, MA 01226

Select Board Regular Session

March 12, 2018

**Members present**: Vice Chair, Marc Strout, John Bartels, Jr., John Boyle, Edward Holub.

**Members Absent**: Chairman Robert Bishop and Town Manager Kenneth Walto

**Also present**: Dawn Giftos, Central Berkshire Habitat for Humanity, Kelly Pizza , COA Director. Brian Duval, Building Inspector, John Roughly, Highway Superintendent

Vice Chairman Marc Strout convened the Regular Session at 7:00p.m. in the Callahan Room. Pledge of Allegiance:

**Roll Call**:

**Approval of Minutes**: No minutes Presented

**Public to Address the Board**:

**Habitat for Humanity** - Permit Waiver: John Bartels recued himself . Habitat for Humanity has acquired property on 199 East Housatonic St. They wish to have a waiver from the Building Inspector fees. John Bartels mention that not knowing what the cost of the permits will be; we can estimate what the work will be . Dawn Giftos used and example of a comparable building that was $100,00 to the building on Housatonic St. She estimated that it will take up to a year to build.

 The Select Board wondered if there is no value of taxes and it not valued at $180,000 and the value will decrease? The estimated value once completed is $180, 000. The city of Pittsfield waive the fees until the house is occupied.

Motion to waive the fees until Built was made, Ed 2nd.

Ed Holub suggested that there be a time limit on taxes: up-to 18 months, September 2019 (18 months)

Dawn agreed that that was fair. Brian clarified that the fees are only for the Building Permit and not for Electric or Plumbing because they have to work for their fees. Ed said that they are willing to pay those fee. Dawn agreed that any specifics fees will have to be presented back to the Select Board.

**Acceptance of a Gift from the Robert J. Fox Revocable Trust** specific to Youth Services was accepted.

Motion was made and 2nd by John Bartels.

The board has concerns of how to appropriate the money. John Boyle said that it could be set up as an Article at the Town Meeting. Motion was made and 2nd by Ed Holub

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**Budgets**

**Dept 541 - Council on Aging** John Bartels recused himself. Kelly explained that they go Green $ to help run the building more efficient. There was increase in Salaries 3% Total budget requested was $143,519. TA

**Dept 296 - Tree Warden**: Salaries were increased by 1.74%. Expenses were increased by $4000.; John Roughley explained that they purchased a tree-cutter trimmer so he doesn't have to wait until next year. TA

**Dept 420 - Highway Dept.:** Salaries increased 2.45%. 5114 -13000. Sewer Budget/1 person per once a week is pulled to help out. TA

**Dept 423 - Snow and Ice:** Level funded 0% changed. If need we can take out of reserve funds. TA

**Dept 440 - Sewers:** Level funded 0% changed TA

**Dept 491 - Cemetery:** Level funded Salaries increased 2.5% TA

**Dept 650 - Parks:** level funded. Salaries increased 1.73% and expense decreased -8.16% due to removable of the cameras at PineGrove Park. TA

**Dept 294 - Forest Warden:** Level funded Salaries increase 1.74% TA

**Items for Future agenda**: None

Request to update **Spectrum**  on the website

**Remarks of Select Board:** John Boyle: The Select Board wanted to know if the Select Board has the authority to waive inspection fees, (only for Building Permit and taxes) until completed?.

1. **Announcements**:
* **The new Veterans Agent office hours** are Wednesdays from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM at the Town Hall and 11:40 AM to 1:30 PM at the Senior Center. Services for Dalton Veterans are now available Monday through 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.

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* **The Dalton Police Department** is reminding the Citizens of Dalton of the ***Winter Parking Ban*** from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. which went into effect on **November 15, 2017** and will be in effect until **April 15, 2018**.
* **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 Street, in the Callahan Room on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with the exception of the third Tuesday of each month. On the third Tuesday, office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Town Hall and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dalton Senior Center. You can reach his office at his district number which is 413-464-5635.
* **The Building Inspector office hours** are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Tuesday: 8:00 a.m.to 12:30

1. **Executive Session** To conduct a strategy session in preparation for litigation. (Note: Chairman must declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body) and **not return to open session:**
2. Adjourn 7:30

Respectfully submitted, Judy Wagner,

Administrator Assistant