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## **DALTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

**June 24, 2025**

Present: James Driscoll, Camillus Cachat, Michael Kubicki, Daniel Filiault, Dennis Croughwell, Melanie Roucoulet, Michael Cachat, Interim Chief Chris Cachat,

Public: Rob-Dalton TV, Cody Doyle, Tylor Pascal, Dan Sintoni, Chief Strout, Sargent Duryea, Officer Baroli, Beckie Whitaker,

James Driscoll called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

- James Driscoll made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 29, 2025 meeting, as printed, Cam Cachat seconded, approved unanimously.

### **Fire/Ambulance Department:**

- Engine 2 was sent out for repairs and is now back in service.
- As of the middle of June we had over 1000 calls mostly EMS.
- The Commissioners have looked over the new/edited policies and will approve them at the next commissioners' meeting when Charlotte is back.
- We had one paramedic leave last month and have hired Ryan Foley (a per diem) employee to the vacant full time position.
  - Recognition
    - Owen Hoffman – prom accident scene
    - All the EMS crews have gotten some praise, especially Tyler Colby
    - Sand pit call – Officers, WMTRT, County & Action Ambulance

### **Water Department:**

- We have completed flushing the Hydrants in town except for Orchard Rd. We will flush those hydrants after the Orchard Rd Project is completed.
- We have been working with the Orchard Rd contractor, (Morais) ensuring that all the Curb Boxes and Gate Boxes are brought to the surface and are accessible
- We received a call for the sound of running water and excessive condensation on the pipes in the basement at Weston Pond Condos. We found that the curb box rod was broken. We were unable to test whether the problem lay on our side or theirs. We repaired the curb box and rod, and it was found that the problem was near their foundation. They coordinated with Berkshire Rooter who came in and repaired the line and restored their service.
- We repaired the curb box at 235 North St.
- We repaired Hydrants on Franklin St at North St. and Meadow Dr. We raised Hydrants on Orchard Rd. and Judith Dr.
- We monitored the contractors when they were doing sewer repairs in the vicinity of our Water Mains.

- Part of the ceiling at the Washington Mountain Rd Pump Station fell in. A branch broke off a tree and poked a hole in the roof. We pulled the piece of wood out and put flashing over the hole. I am looking into a contractor to repair the hole.
- The Gable Vent at Washington Mountain Rd Pump Station was falling apart. We built a new Gable Vent and installed it.
- We found a dead Raccoon in the Washington Mountain Rd Pump Station. It may have accessed the attic through the gable vent, fell through the hole in the ceiling and died due to lack of water or exhaustion. We disposed of the corpse.
- We found a Baby raccoon in the Washington Mountain Rd Pump Station. This must have been the spawn of the deceased Raccoon. It was taken to a wildlife Rehab in Washington Ma. Where he is expected to make a full recovery. At last report Scooter is doing well.
- The 2024 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) has been published online, copies delivered to sites in town for pick up by residents, a mailer has been sent to all addresses in Dalton and the CCR Certification has been sent to all the proper authorities
- I have been working with Waterworth compiling data for the Rate Study. I think we should set some time apart to discuss water rate increases to support a proactive approach to water system maintenance.
- We have drawn and sent out samples for the EPAs, Fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule for PFOA's.
- We patched the pavement at the winter water break locations on North St., Lake St. and East St.
- Relocated and blew out all the Gate boxes at Pomeroy Manor to get ready for the meter replacement.
- From April 19, 2025, to June 18, 2025, we received 84 Dig safes.
- We installed a new Water Sample Station on Wahconah Falls Rd. One of the sample locations is no longer accessible.
- We have been Cutting Grass and weed whacking at all the Stations.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- The balance for the April semi annual water bills is just under \$68,000.00. I will be processing shut off notices this week for the water department to deliver on July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- I have started my training with Laurie from Kinsherf on Vadar, I have learned to create account numbers and create new budgets. I have FY26 Budget all entered in Vadar and ready for July 1<sup>st</sup>. I have another Zoom training this week to learn how to enter AP bills and create checks.
- We finally were able to get our free cash for FY24 certified which was a little over \$90,000. FY25 free cash will be completed by Laurie from Kinsherf so I am hoping to have that completed by September/October.
- All the final financial reports for our DFS grants have been completed, now we are just waiting for reimbursement.
- I have been in contact with Representative Leigh Davis and her legislature Aide to get the process moving forward regarding The Citizens Petition that was passed at the annual meeting regarding the change of the Board of Water Commissioners from three to five.

### **New Business:**

- James Driscoll informed the board that he met with the attorneys at Donovan, O'Connor & Dodig with the possibility of moving business to a new law firm.

James Driscoll made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:47pm seconded by Cam Cachat, passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be July 29, 2025 at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

***Melanie Roucoulet***

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Treasurer/Clerk

