

TOWN OF DALTON  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
NESSACUS REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL - MAY 3, 2021 - 7:00 P.M.

The Moderator, Anthony P. Doyle, called the Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Michele Blake, Jean Gingras, Maureen M. Mitchell, and Alecia Herrick, were appointed checkers and tellers. There was a total of 9 Non-Resident Guests and 64 Registered Voters checked at the door as follows:

PRECINCT 1 - 25  
PRECINCT 2 - 39

ARTICLE 1. It was moved, seconded and voted to authorize the Select Board to convey a parcel of Town-Owned land situated on View Street, and being Assessor's Map 109, Lot 140, such conveyance to be for such consideration, which may be nominal consideration, and upon such others terms and conditions as the Select Board deems advisable.

TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIRED.

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ARTICLE 2. It was moved, seconded and voted to fix the maximum amounts that may be spent during fiscal year 2022 beginning on July 1, 2021 for the revolving funds established in town by-laws for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, as follows:

<u>Revolving Fund</u>	<u>FY22 Spending Limit</u>	<u>Disposition of FY22 Fund Balance</u>
Plumbing Inspector	\$15,000.00	Balance Available for expenditure
Electrical Inspector	\$10,000.00	Balance Available for expenditure
Tree Warden/ Planning Board	\$5,000.00	Balance Available for expenditure
Cemetery Department	\$2,500.00	Balance up to \$2,500.00 available for expenditure, remainder reverts to the General Fund
Council on Aging - Transportation	\$20,000.00	Balance Available for expenditure
Council on Aging - Programs	\$15,000.00	Balance Available for expenditure
Cemetery Department	\$5,000.00	Balance Available for expenditure
Legal Advertising	\$3,000.00	Balance up to \$3,000 available for expenditure, remainder reverts to the General Fund
Parks Maintenance	\$2,000.00	Balance Available for expenditure
Highway Department (Boom Mower)	\$9,000.00	Balance Available for expenditure

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ARTICLE 3. It was moved, seconded and voted to adopt the "Schedule of Compensation for Elected Officials" for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021; as follows: Moderator \$421, Town Clerk \$56,957, Select Board Chairman \$4,929, other Select Board members \$3,922 each.

PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 4. It was moved, seconded and voted that the amounts of money set forth in the printed report of the Finance Committee, for Fiscal Year 2022 and totaling \$8,091,026 be appropriated, for the several purposes therein itemized, each numbered item being considered a separate appropriation, and that the same be expended only for such purposes including appropriations from Sewer User Fees and, to defray charges and expenses and debt service for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021.

	FY2021	FY2022
<b>ARTICLE 3: SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION</b>		
Elected Officials		
Moderator	413	421
Select Board-Chairman	4,832	4,929
4 Members FY22 @ \$3,922 each	3,845	3,922
Town Clerk	55,847	56,957
<b>ARTICLE 4: TOWN OPERATING BUDGET</b>		
<b>General Government</b>		
114 Moderator		
Salary	413	421
Expenses	100	100
	<b>513</b>	<b>521</b>
122 Select Board		
Salaries-Elected	20,212	20,617
Expenses	3,657	3,905
	<b>23,869</b>	<b>24,522</b>
123 Town Manager		
Salaries (Town Mgr. & Adm. Ass't. combined)	163,353	164,319
Expenses	7,309	7,309
	<b>170,662</b>	<b>171,628</b>
131 Finance Committee		
Expenses	1,685	1,685
	<b>1,685</b>	<b>1,685</b>
132 Reserve Fund		
Expenses	See Article # 10	See Article # 9
135 Accountant		
Salary	74,899	76,690
Expenses	10,606	11,820
	<b>85,505</b>	<b>88,510</b>
138 Group Purchasing		
Expenses	800	800
	<b>800</b>	<b>800</b>
139 Financial Audit		
Expenses	16,000	-
	<b>16,000</b>	-

141 Assessors		
Salaries	95,570	43,443
Expenses	19,995	48,795
	<b>115,565</b>	<b>92,238</b>
142 Revaluation Certification		
Expenses	-	-
145 Town Treasurer		
Salaries	93,829	97,032
Expenses	24,675	18,675
	<b>118,504</b>	<b>115,707</b>
146 Town Collector		
Salaries	90,263	92,061
Expenses	13,265	13,265
	<b>103,528</b>	<b>105,326</b>
151 Town Counsel		
Expenses	60,000	60,000
	<b>60,000</b>	<b>60,000</b>
152 Telephone		
Expenses	23,500	25,520
	<b>23,500</b>	<b>25,520</b>
154 Recording Secretary		
Salaries	7,184	7,326
	<b>7,184</b>	<b>7,326</b>
157 Computer		
Expenses	27,000	38,000
	<b>27,000</b>	<b>38,000</b>
158 Postage		
Expenses	17,875	17,875
	<b>17,875</b>	<b>17,875</b>
159 Tax Title		
Expenses	2,500	2,500
	<b>2,500</b>	<b>2,500</b>
161 Town Clerk		
Salary-Elected	55,847	56,957
Salaries	37,732	39,273
Expenses	11,950	11,950
	<b>105,529</b>	<b>108,180</b>

162 Elections		
Salaries	9,584	2,896
Expenses	12,495	8,385
	<b>22,079</b>	<b>11,281</b>
163 Registrars		
Salaries	8,580	9,038
Expenses	4,100	4,100
	<b>12,680</b>	<b>13,138</b>
171 Conservation Commission		
Expenses	1,921	1,975
	<b>1,921</b>	<b>1,975</b>
175 Planning Board /Board of Appeals		
Salary	47,683	48,624
Expenses	2,100	2,100
	<b>49,783</b>	<b>50,724</b>
182 Development & Industrial Commission		
Expenses	1,300	1,300
	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1,300</b>
192 Buildings Maintenance		
Salary	63,696	66,129
Expense	14,055	14,055
	<b>77,751</b>	<b>80,184</b>
195 Town Report		
Expenses	6,650	6,650
	<b>6,650</b>	<b>6,650</b>
196 Town Hall		
Salaries	7,200	7,200
Expenses	96,200	89,400
	<b>103,400</b>	<b>96,600</b>
197 Central Supplies		
Expenses	16,000	16,500
	<b>16,000</b>	<b>16,500</b>
198 Town Advertising		
Expenses	-	10,500
	-	<b>10,500</b>
<b>CATEGORY TOTAL</b>	<b><u>1,171,783</u></b>	<b><u>1,149,190</u></b>
<b>Public Safety</b>		
210 Police Department		
Salaries	923,325	982,754
Expenses	101,704	118,150
	<b>1,025,029</b>	<b>1,100,904</b>

222 Communications		
Salaries	208,554	212,726
Expenses	11,990	12,286
	<b>220,544</b>	<b>225,012</b>
240 Building Inspections		
Salaries	47,147	40,214
Expenses	6,730	6,730
	<b>53,877</b>	<b>46,944</b>
244 Sealer of Weights & Measures		
Salary	2,107	2,149
Expenses	5,100	5,100
	<b>7,207</b>	<b>7,249</b>
247 Inspector of Animals		
Salary	1,629	1,660
	<b>1,629</b>	<b>1,660</b>
292 Animal Control		
Salaries	22,257	22,706
Expenses	5,500	5,500
	<b>27,757</b>	<b>28,206</b>
293 Traffic Commission		
Salaries	-	-
Expenses	1,500	1,500
	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1,500</b>
294 Forest Warden		
Salaries	1,822	1,858
Expenses	1,950	1,950
	<b>3,772</b>	<b>3,808</b>
295 Emergency Management		
Salary	2,526	6,000
Expenses	10,047	10,458
	<b>12,573</b>	<b>16,458</b>
296 Shade Tree/Tree Warden		
Salary	2,375	2,423
Expenses	20,390	30,390
	<b>22,765</b>	<b>32,813</b>
<b>CATEGORY TOTAL</b>	<b><u>1,376,653</u></b>	<b><u>1,464,554</u></b>
<b>Education</b>		
320 Vocational Education		
Expenses	607,557	529,810
	<b>607,557</b>	<b>529,810</b>
<b>CATEGORY TOTAL</b>	<b><u>607,557</u></b>	<b><u>529,810</u></b>

**Public Works**

401 Town Engineer		
Expenses	20,000	20,000
	<b>20,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>
420 Highway Department		
Salaries	332,705	338,741
Expenses	138,248	143,248
	<b>470,953</b>	<b>481,989</b>
423 Snow & Ice		
Salaries	27,812	27,812
Expenses	131,610	131,610
	<b>159,422</b>	<b>159,422</b>
424 Streetlights		
Expenses	43,508	27,508
	<b>43,508</b>	<b>27,508</b>
433 Landfill Monitoring FY21 Additional Appropriation	See Article #11	-
Expenses	5,002	16,136
	<b>5,002</b>	<b>16,136</b>
434 Transfer Station		
Expenses	37,055	37,206
	<b>37,055</b>	<b>37,206</b>
440 Sewer Maintenance (Offset Receipts)		
Salaries	97,805	99,759
Expenses	23,050	23,050
	<b>120,855</b>	<b>122,809</b>
449 Wastewater Treatment (Offset Receipts)		
Salaries	868	885
Expenses	981,053	981,192
	<b>981,921</b>	<b>982,077</b>
491 Cemetery Department		
Salaries	67,340	68,678
Expenses	22,004	22,004
	<b>89,344</b>	<b>90,682</b>
<b>CATEGORY TOTAL</b>	<b>1,928,060</b>	<b>1,937,829</b>

## Human Services

## 510 Board of Health

Salary	53,106	52,968
Expenses	6,926	6,575
	<b>60,032</b>	<b>59,543</b>

## 522 Public Health Nurse

Salary	-	-
Expenses	6,309	6,599
	<b>6,309</b>	<b>6,599</b>

## 541 Council on Aging

Salaries	113,497	117,141
Expenses	41,220	39,870
	<b>154,717</b>	<b>157,011</b>

## 543 Veterans' Services

Salary	-	-
Expenses	125,604	125,604
	<b>125,604</b>	<b>125,604</b>

## 591 Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

Expenses	15,518	15,383
	<b>15,518</b>	<b>15,383</b>

## CATEGORY TOTAL

<b>362,180</b>	<b>364,140</b>
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## Culture and Recreation

## 610 Library

Salaries	137,409	140,962
Expenses	67,805	67,805
	<b>205,214</b>	<b>208,767</b>

## 630 Parks and Recreation

See Article #5

See Article #5

## 650 Parks Maintenance

Salaries	33,873	34,562
Expenses	16,914	16,914
	<b>50,787</b>	<b>51,476</b>

## 691 Historical Commission

Expenses	4,300	4,300
	<b>4,300</b>	<b>4,300</b>

## 692 Memorial Day Committee

Expenses	1,970	2,250
	<b>1,970</b>	<b>2,250</b>

## 693 Cultural Activities

Expenses	2,500	2,500
	<b>2,500</b>	<b>2,500</b>

## CATEGORY TOTAL

<b>264,771</b>	<b>269,293</b>
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**Debt Service**

710-C Debt and Interest (Capital Imp. Program)	238,106	229,990
	<b>238,106</b>	<b>229,990</b>
710-EXCL (Capital Imp. Program)	418,082	418,083
	<b>418,082</b>	<b>418,083</b>
710-S&D Sewers and Drains	111,639	116,255
	<b>111,639</b>	<b>116,255</b>
<b>CATEGORY TOTAL</b>	<b>767,827</b>	<b>764,328</b>

**Other**

911 Berkshire County Retirement Assessment		
Expenses	501,821	528,053
	<b>501,821</b>	<b>528,053</b>
913 Unemployment		
Expenses	5,000	7,500
	<b>5,000</b>	<b>7,500</b>
914 Group Health Insurance		
Expenses	764,272	743,824
	<b>764,272</b>	<b>743,824</b>
915 Group Life Insurance		
Expenses	15,273	15,811
	<b>15,273</b>	<b>15,811</b>
916 Medicare		
Expenses	41,000	42,000
	<b>41,000</b>	<b>42,000</b>
919 Employment Benefits		
Salaries	46,180	46,180
Expenses	2,114	2,114
	<b>48,294</b>	<b>48,294</b>
941 Court Judgments & Claims		
Expenses	3,000	3,000
	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,000</b>
945 Town Insurance		
Expenses	220,400	223,200
	<b>220,400</b>	<b>223,200</b>
950 Commissioner of Trust Funds		
Expenses	200	200
	<b>200</b>	<b>200</b>



CATEGORY TOTAL	<u>1,599,260</u>	<u>1,611,882</u>
ARTICLE 4: TOTAL	<u>8,078,091</u>	<u>8,091,026</u>

PASSES

ARTICLE 5. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town raise and appropriate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 the sum of \$60,125 for the purpose of providing recreation and leisure time activities to the people of Dalton;

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ARTICLE 6. It was moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate a sum of \$8,130,864 for the purpose of paying the Town's share of the Operating Budget of the Central Berkshire Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021;

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ARTICLE 7. It was moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$453,885 for the purpose of paying the Town's share of the Transportation Budget of the Central Berkshire Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021.

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ARTICLE 8. It was moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,366,667 for the purpose of paying the Town's share of the Capital Budget of the Central Berkshire Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021.

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ARTICLE 9. It was moved, seconded and voted to transfer from \$65,000 from Free Cash in the Treasury to the Reserve Fund (Account 132) for the fiscal year 2022 beginning July 1, 2021; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

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ARTICLE 10. It was moved, seconded and voted to transfer \$200,000 from Free Cash in the Treasury for the purpose of reducing the expected tax rate increase in the 2022 fiscal year.

PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 11. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town take no action under this Article.

PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 12. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer \$300,000 from Free Cash in the Treasury in the following amounts to the following Stabilization Funds: \$100,000 to the Sewer Stabilization Fund, \$50,000 to the General Stabilization Fund, \$50,000 to the Litigation Stabilization Fund and \$100,000 to the Capital Stabilization Fund.

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ARTICLE 13. It was moved, seconded and voted move to transfer the sum of \$300,000 from Free Cash in the Treasury to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund for the purpose of reducing the unfunded actuarial liability of health care and other post-employment benefits.

PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 14. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town authorize payment of unpaid bills in the amount of \$985 for two invoices for FY20 that were received after the formal end of the year. This action is pursuant to the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, section 64.

FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIRED.

PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 15. It was moved, seconded and voted to recess until MONDAY MAY 10, 2021 at 11:00 O'CLOCK A.M. to 7:00 O'CLOCK P.M. to meet in the DALTON COMMUNITY HOUSE, to choose and elect the following Town Officers and the determination of such other matters as are by law required to be determined by ballot.

(1)	MEMBER SELECT BOARD	FOR 3 YEARS
(1)	TOWN CLERK	FOR 3 YEARS
(1)	MODERATOR	FOR 1 YEAR
(1)	MEMBER PLANNING BOARD	FOR 3 YEARS
(1)	MEMBER DALTON HOUSING AUTHORITY	FOR 5 YEARS
(1)	CEMETERY TRUSTEE	FOR 3 YEARS
(2)	LIBRARY TRUSTEES	FOR 3 YEARS
(4)	MEMBERS FINANCE COMMITTEE	FOR 3 YEARS

PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting dismissed at 7:33 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Deborah J. Merry, Town Clerk