

TOWN OF DANBURY - Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday , January 16, 2019 6:00 pm

Members Present: James Phelps

Jessica Hatch

Members Not Present: Lyn England

Administrative Assistant Karen Padgett

Road Agent Jeremy Cornell

Checks/Applications/Signatures

- Payroll and accounts payable were signed.
- Jessica made a motion to accept the minutes from 1/9/19, seconded by Jim. Motion passed 2-0. Lyn abstained as she was not present.
- Jim made a motion to sign 2 contracts with Commerford Nieder Perkins for the town's assessing. One contract is a 1 year data verification contract and the other is a 3 year contract for general assessing services. The 3 year contract is for the remainder of the 5 year cyclical work. Motion was seconded by Jessica, passed unanimously and the contracts were signed by the Selectmen.
- Jessica made a motion to sign the following intents to cut:
 - McCabe 406-190-001 Forbes Mt Road
 - Donoghue 411-059-001 Poverty Pond Road
 - Lambrech 416-027 90 Littlefield RoadThe motion was seconded by Lyn and passed unanimously.
- A veteran's credit application for the owner of 408-078 was reviewed. Jim made a motion to approve the veteran's credit, seconded by Lyn. Motion passed 3-0.

Highway

Several items were discussed relating to vehicle and building repairs and the replacement of other equipment for the Highway Department. Tim Crowley, insurance adjuster for the building and contents, emailed a list from All Brite Cleaning of the items that were thrown out. The list is extensive and will be reviewed by Road Agent Cornell. All Brite will be coming in to ice blast the mold from the inside of the building in the next few days.

No responses have come in to the ad in the Kearsarge Shopper for a general contractor to repair the building. Jim has been working with individual contractors to get quotes for the building. He has contacted 3 insulation companies and the original installer of the sheet rock in the building. He stated that until it is insulated, the heat is just pouring out of the building.

An air compressor is needed. Jim made a motion to purchase an air compressor for approximately \$2300, seconded by Lyn. Motion passed 3-0.

Jim made a motion to purchase replacement radios for the trucks as per the quote from Ossipee Mountain Electronics. This was seconded by Lyn and passed unanimously.

Road Agent Cornell presented a proposal to purchase a chipper for 5 payments of \$5900 over 5 years. Jessica feels there is a need for a chipper and that she has been in favor of such a purchase for the last few years. However, this may not be the time for it. Jim is not in favor of the 5 year lease plan and suggested looking for a used one.

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Primex has a \$3000 limit on the amount they will pay for vehicle rentals. That limit has been reached on the truck rental from J & B Landscaping. Primex did agree to the rental of the Kenworth truck for 2 weeks at a cost of \$1400. The department has had that truck for well over 2 weeks. Therefore, there is concern that the "rental/leases" line item in the proposed budget may have to be increased at the 1st deliberative session.

Old Business:

- Joseph Fiore, former owner of the property at 79 Ragged Mountain Road that was taken by tax deed in January 2016, agreed to a repurchase installment plan of two or three payments for back taxes and interest. The full amount due was to be paid by 1/16/19. To date only one payment has been received. When contacted by Karen, he indicated that a payment would be made "soon". The Board will take up the matter at the next meeting to see if payment is made.
- Jim made a motion to restart the deed process for the property at 302 NH Route 104. Motion was seconded by Lyn and passed unanimously.

New Business:

- The Board was copied on a letter to the tax collector from Louise Robie regarding her tax payments. Jim recommended having Tricia set up a meeting to discuss the issues.
- There were problems with the heat at the Town Hall during the last cold snap. Because the oil tank is in an outdoor building that is not insulated the oil gelled up. A pipe burst in the main room. Jim assisted in getting the heating going again. Nick Sorrell repaired the broken pipe and worked on the furnace.
- Karen asked for clarification of the location of 2 street lights that are out on NH Route 104. The outages will be reported to Eversource.
- After being contacted by a representative of the US Postal Service, the Board restated the longstanding policy that the highway department does not plow out resident mailboxes. This has always been the town's policy. Highway personnel will not be dispatched to shovel out or plow around mailboxes.

Budget:

The Board members finalized the default budget for 2019. In addition, warrant articles were discussed. Lyn made a motion to have a warrant article to change the term for the elected road agent position from one year to 3 years. Jim seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Jim made a motion to have a warrant article to change the term for the elected police chief position from one year to 3 years. Motion was seconded by Jessica and passed unanimously.

At 7:53 Jim made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lyn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Just after the conclusion of the meeting, Tom Austin, long time Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director, submitted his resignation to the Board of Selectmen effective upon the appointment of a new Fire Chief and EMD. The Board was unanimous in thanking him for his years of service to the community and dedication to his position as chief.

Respectfully submitted Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant
The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be January 30 at 6pm