

TOWN OF DANBURY - Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday , November 14, 2018 6:00 pm

Members Present:

James Phelps
Jessica Hatch - Arriving late
Lyn England
Karen Padgett

Administrative Assistant

APPOINTMENTS

6:15 Chief Suckling/Donald Sullivan
6:45 Linda Higbee/Michael Barnett, Library
7:00 Andy Phelps, Cemetery
7:15 Jim Larkin, Mike Maines, Transfer Station
7:30 Tom Austin, Fire Department, EMS
Shane Barnes

VISITORS

Checks/Applications/Signatures

- Payroll and accounts payable to be signed
- No minutes from 11/7
- Jim made a motion to sign the settlement agreement with Northern New England Telephone Operations(FairPoint) in the amount of \$7,041. Motion was seconded by Lyn and passed 2-0.
- Building Permit 18-2018B Offen 403-015 and 016 for new roof, painting and placement of a storage unit. Lyn made a motion to approve the building permit contingent upon Seth Offen signing the application. Motion seconded by Jim and passed 2-0.
- Purchase orders for Fire Department were submitted. Lyn made a motion to approve, seconded by Jim. Passed 2-0.

Fire hose replacement	\$1000.00
Fire gear	\$4500.00
4 m6 pagers	\$2400.00
CPR mannequins	\$ 839.99
Stop the Bleed	\$ 950.00 - P O already issued for this 1/17/18
- The Board signed a the contract with George Hill for painting of the DCC next year. These funds have been encumbered by vote of the Board on 11/7/18.

Shane Barnes

Shane and Jennifer Barnes are working on financing for 29 Lilac Lane that they purchased at auction. He requested an extension on the 45 day time frame for finalizing the purchase. Lyn and Jim agreed to grant an extension until the next BOS meeting on November 28.

At 6:25 Jim made a motion to go into non public session per RSA 91-A:3, II(b) *The hiring of any person as a public employee*. Motion seconded by Lyn. Motion passed 2-0.

At 6:30 Jim made a motion to come out of non public session, seconded by Lyn. Motion passed 2-0.

Lyn made a motion to appoint Donald Sullivan to the position of part time police officer. Motion seconded by Jim. Motion passed 2-0. Officer Sullivan was sworn in by Chairman Phelps. Chief Suckling presented him with his badge and Sergeant Marvin presented the Danbury Police Department patch.

Budget Meetings

Andy Phelps presented the Cemetery budget. He stated that the Cemetery Trustees do not set the salary for the Sexton, that is set by the Board of Selectmen. They are asking for an increase of about \$800 in part time help. It has been a struggle this year to get the help needed. They are looking for an increase in maintenance materials of \$400 plus because the winter kill has been bad this year and \$50 in equipment repair. Equipment purchases line is dropping to \$0. Overall the budget is up \$933 from last year.

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Linda Higbee and Mike Barnett presented the budget for the Library Trustees. The only change they are requesting is an increase of \$200 in book purchases. More children are using the library and they are increasing the children's book titles.

The trustees will be submitting a warrant article to allow the library to accept personal property gifts.

Linda asked if the town has anyone lined up to shovel the walkway at the Library. Currently, the Town Hall and the Library are being shoveled by cemetery help at the direction of Andy Phelps, but often Andy ends up doing it himself. Linda will ask around to see if she could find someone. Jessica also suggested that her son or daughter might be interested in doing it. Jim said whoever does it could be paid by the storm.

Linda indicated that the Library Trustees will be approaching the United Church of Danbury about purchasing a small piece of property behind the Library for parking.

Jim Larkin presented the budget for the Transfer Station. His request for 2019 is up \$520 from \$117,394 to \$117,914. The contract with Waste Management expires in December of 2019. Jim maintains that while the recycling market is no longer profitable, it would be more expensive if all that material were to be put into the compactor and hauled off as MSW. So far this year we have recycled over 277,000 pounds. He says if that material all went into the compactor, the container would have to be changed every day.

Fire Chief Austin and Bruce Armstrong were present to give the Fire Department budget for 2019. Overall the budget request is down \$820 over 2018. There are slight increases in the telephone, propane and dues/subscriptions and decreases in medical and EMS supplies. Emergency Management has increased because the Hazard Mitigation Plan is due to be renewed. Kyle Levesque will be doing the update for a flat fee of \$4000.

Chief Austin concluded his presentation by advocating for a full time police officer. His department has had a horrible year dealing with the State Police, with at least an hour wait before they arrive on the scene of an emergency. They are dealing more and more with drug issues, psychological issues and are not able to enter without police presence.

NEW BUSINESS

- Sharon Klapyk submitted her resignation from School Board. Jim will post the vacancy on the Friends of Danbury page and Karen will post it on the website.
- The town received a request for information on area flooding for a FEMA Pemigewasset Watershed study. Karen indicated she did not have the expertise to complete the form. No action was taken by the Board.

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Jim said that the owner of the property down the old Maviki Rd has agreed to put a gate at the Rosemary's Woods entrance and leave it unlocked. It might not happen until the spring.

Chris O'Neil spoke by phone with Karen about the letter sent regarding improvements, addition of an apartment without a building permit. He did not understand why he received the letter and claimed there is no apartment. One of the selectmen indicated that it was listed on craigslist.

FYI

- USDA GRANT APPLICATIONS
- New email from Joe Haas

At 7:46 Jim made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jessica. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be November 28 at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant