

TOWN OF DANBURY - Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday , November 7, 2018 6:00 pm

Members Present:

James Phelps
Jessica Hatch
Lyn England - arriving late
Karen Padgett

Administrative Assistant

APPOINTMENTS

Dan Hudnut, Road Agent Cornell, Tim Martin 6:15
Chief Suckling 7:00

Checks/Applications/Signatures

- Payroll and accounts payable were signed
- Bank Reconciliations were signed.
- Jim made a motion to approve the minutes from 10/17. Motion was seconded by Jessica and passed 3-0.
- The Selectmen signed a corrected tax payment agreement for Michael Giberson. The original document had an incorrect date.
- Jim made a motion to approve a 1 year extension for building permit 40-2017B for Brandon Bliss on Gould Hill Road. Motion was seconded by Jessica and passed 2-0.
- Jim made a motion to approve the driveway permit for Jennifer and Matthew Moloney, map 408 lot 037 on Ford Mill Rd. Jessica seconded the motion and motion passed 2-0. Road Agent Cornell has already signed off on the driveway permit.
- Jessica made a motion to approve a timber tax warrant in the amount of \$3,857.20 for operation number 18-111-08-T on map 403 lot 027 for Michael and Tracy Feinauer. Motion seconded by Jim and passed 2-0.
- Jim made a motion to sign 2 Declarations of Right to Inter for James and Ronald Ford at Riverdale Cemetery. Motion seconded by Jessica and passed 2-0.
- Jim made a motion to sign an Intent to Cut for Jason Peterson on US Rt 4, map 418 lot 012. Motion seconded by Jessica and passed 2-0.

DISCUSSION ABOUT TURN AROUND ON NEW CANADA ROAD

Dan Hudnut is a representative of Tulgey Wood, LLC the landowner of property on New Canada Road where Danbury and Wilmot highway trucks turn around. The owner have asked that the towns do a cleanup of trash that has been deposited over the years at the site. It has been discussed at prior Selectmen's meetings and the Board asked if Mr. Hudnut could attend a meeting to clarify what is being asked of the towns. Tim Martin, Wilmot Road Agent and Jeremy Cornell, Danbury Road Agent were present for the discussion.

Mr. Hudnut stated that the property is in conservation easement and the owners, after the initial cleanup, are looking for a partnership with the towns in monitoring the site for future dumping. In exchange they would grant a revocable easement to use the property for a turnaround. When asked his thoughts by Chairman Phelps, Road Agent Martin stated that it's not the towns' responsibility to keep people from dumping over the bank. There are going to be people dumping trash over the edge because they always have. He is not going to be responsible for that and the Town of Wilmot would not want him to be. The owners have some money set aside that they would be willing to use for the cost of the initial clean up using the Danbury and possibly Wilmot highway crews to do the labor, in exchange for assurances that we could continue to use the turnaround.

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There was discussion about where the road right of way ends, possible other turnaround spots, the possibility of placing a barrier to discourage dumping and perhaps a "NO DUMPING" sign. It was decided that it is in the town's best interest to come up with mutually agreeable language, try it out for a couple of years and see where we are then.

Mr. Hudnut stated that we would hope that we won't ever get back to where we are today (appliances, tires, etc thrown over the bank) and that we "can draw a line between what level of unacceptable is unacceptable. A bag of trash that's thrown over the bank that I can wander down and pick up is not, it's when it turns into a work project that that's when we kind of want to raise a flag for awhile and say let's have a work project and get this thing cleaned up." The owners would absolutely be in favor of a barrier to discourage throwing large items over the embankment.

Jim estimated it would be about a half day's work with town equipment to clean up what is there. Mr. Hudnut made clear that there is never an obligation for the town to spend money to clean up the site, that if it doesn't work out and people are unhappy, then it is the landowner's decision if they wish to discontinue access to their property.

Both Jessica and Lyn agreed that they want to see something in writing before committing to anything.

Jim made a motion to authorize the Road Agent to do a clean up at the site as a good faith effort while the agreement is being drafted. Motion was seconded by Jessica and passed 3-0.

A record will be kept of the debris that is collected. It will be taken to the transfer station and the cost will be charged back to the property owner. Road Agent Cornell will let Dan know when the clean up will take place. Road Agent Martin said his crew will help if they can.

HIGHWAY

- The Town of Franklin sold a trailer to Town of Danbury for \$1.
- NH DOT held a truck driver safety course at the DCC on 10/31. It was well attended by highway workers from throughout the state. Because we hosted the event, the town will only be charged for one of the Danbury Highway Department employees, saving \$255.
- Walter Wright will be taking a hands on chainsaw training course on November 7.
- Road Agent Cornell asked if there is enough money in the maintenance budget to complete the replacement of the lights at the Highway Garage. The cost would be about \$1400. The ballasts are all old and it would be more economical to replace the lights.
- He has not yet spoken to the residents on Railroad Drive about the plowing issue with a camper parked in the right of way.

At 7:09 Jessica made a motion to enter into non public session per

RSA 91-A:3, II (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a public meeting, and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.

Motion seconded by Jim.

At 7:29 pm Jessica made a motion to come out of non public session, seconded by Lyn. No decisions were made and no votes taken.

OLD BUSINESS

- Brittni MacDonough has volunteered for the 2nd auditor position. Karen asked if Lyn, having been an auditor for many years, might be able to spend a short amount of time with her and Albert Antonides to go over the process of the audit. She indicated she could be available in the evening to do it.
- Winni Construction informal quote for windows at FD - 12 Windows ~\$600 each
- The town received correspondence from Danbury Woods residents regarding a tiny house as it relates to the current discussions with the Planning Board about amending the LUZO.

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- Final tax rate breakdown/ vote taken on 10/23/2018
- Contract to encumber funds for DCC painting? Will contractors proposal work?

NEW BUSINESS

- The Library had an issue with heat and the serviceman said that there is a water leak with water coming into vent pipe of the furnace. They will be contacting a plumber for repairs. Also, Mike Barnett withdrew his resignation and is still serving as a Library Trustee.
- Karen asked if the Safety Committee is active and when do they meet. They should be meeting once every quarter. Lyn said it should be composed of 2 management and 2 employees.

SELECTMEN

Jessica and Road Agent Cornell met with the Danbury Elementary School principal to discuss the plowing of the parking lot. If there are any issues in the future they will contact the Road Agent directly, not speak to the driver.

Chief Suckling presented a purchase order in the amount of \$435 for new logo patches for PD uniforms. Jessica made a motion to approve the purchase order, seconded by Lyn. Motion carried 3-0.

At 7:30 Jim made a motion to go into non public session, seconded by Lyn per ***RSA 91-A:3, II(b) The hiring of any person as a public employee.***

At 7:34 Jim made a motion to come out of non public session, seconded by Lyn. Motion passed and the Board came out of non public session. No decisions were made and no votes taken.

FYI

- Letter sent to O'Neil - Restful Road
- health insurance open enrollment notices given out
- Highway employees certificates for training
- Copy of Chief Suckling Congressional Law Enforcement Award
- Bristol reached agreement re school plowing - will wait another year to give more notice
- Monthly property sales - October
- Mid State annual meeting 11/27 5:30pm Common Man Plymouth
- E-9-1-1 address assignment requests
- American Legion A-12 and A-9 received
- Education tax warrant

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be November 7 at 6pm.
Respectfully submitted Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant