

# TOWN OF DANBURY - Board of Selectmen

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday , August 15, 2018 6:00 pm

**Members Present:** James Phelps  
Jessica Hatch  
Lyn England  
Administrative Assistant Karen Padgett

**Appointments:** Bethany Gardner  
Road Agent Cornell

### CHECKS/APPLICATIONS/SIGNATURES

- **Payroll and accounts payable** were signed.
- July bank reconciliations were signed.
- Jessica made a motion to approve the minutes of 8/1, seconded by Lyn. Motion passed 3-0.
- Jim made a motion to grant a 1 year extension of building permit number 23-2017B for Albert and Judeen Dauphinais. Motion was seconded by Jessica and passed 3-0. Building permit will expire on 7/20/2019.
- Lyn made a motion to sign the timber tax warrant for operation 17-111-11-T , Giordano, Map 410-078 in the amount of \$211.00. Motion was seconded by Lyn and passed unanimously.
- Jim made a motion to grant a timber tax abatement in the amount of \$208.21 plus interest accrued for Craig Gardner. Motion was seconded by Lyn and passed unanimously. This is abatement number 2018-08 for timber operation # 17-111-08-T and is based on information provided showing the yield tax was over assessed.
- The abatement approved on 8/1/2018 was signed. This is abatement number 2018-07 in the amount of \$2,148.10. The tax collector requested this abatement because she had liened a property in error.
- Winni Construction submitted a revised quote for the siding of the fire department that does not include all of the extra trim work, etc that cannot be done this year because of budget constraints. This quote includes only the building siding. The quote for \$21,300 was signed. At the 7/11 meeting, the Board voted to accept the bid in the amount of \$21,300.

### HIGHWAY/ROAD AGENT CORNELL

- Jim made a motion to use GMI to pave Frazier Rd and a portion of Jack Wells Rd, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed, 3-0. This will use about use about \$49,000 of the \$100,000 paving and road construction budget.
- On August 13, Road Agent Cornell and Selectman Phelps met with Dan Hudnut of Wagner Forest Management at the New Canada Rd turn around for the Highway trucks. Mr. Hudnut is an agent for the new property owners of 418-003. While the town has a grandfathered unwritten agreement to use some of that land for the turnaround, there is no written easement to allow such use. The current landowners are upset about a great deal of trash, appliances, etc that has been thrown over the bank onto their property. After some discussion, the three parties involved in the meeting came up with a potential solution to the problem. The Danbury Highway Department in conjunction with the Wilmot Highway Department will use personnel and equipment to deposit the trash into a dumpster provided by the property owner. In exchange, the property owners will grant a permanent easement to the Town of Danbury for the Highway truck turnaround. Karen will email Mr. Hudnut and get a confirmation that this arrangement is agreeable with the property owners.
- The Highway budget was reviewed. There is about \$100,000 left in the highway budget for the rest of the year after labor costs. Lyn expressed concern about the overtime budget.

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- Road Agent Cornell would like to use \$3,000 to fix the pavement in front of the fire station. He feels it is a safety concern. Jim stated that there is serious problem with the budget and paving in front of the fire station is not a high priority for this year. Also, the fire station siding project is being done at a cost of \$25,000. The Board will look at the general government buildings budget line and see if there might be some money for this project there.
- Jim asked about a rental/purchase agreement for a compactor. He felt the Board of Selectmen should have had some input in this. Road Agent Cornell said the compactor had to be rented for the culvert project on North Road
- Mowing was discussed. Only 2 companies rent mowers and the cost is about \$3,000.
- All the trucks are back from Reeds Trucking and all have been inspected.
- A vacation request was submitted by the Road Agent for one of his employees.

## Bethany Gardner

- Ms. Gardner was in to request that no timber tax be assessed for operation 17-111-08-T. Initially the logger, when conducting an operation on the neighboring property, cut some of the timber on her property in error. Subsequently, an intent to cut was signed for the property where she lives. She agrees that she was paid by the logger for the stumpage and for dooimage, but feels that the logger should be responsible for the timber tax. The Board members advised her that it was a civil matter between she and the logger and that by law, the property owner is responsible for the timber tax.
- Ms. Gardner also inquired about the town requirements and permits needed for opening a business.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Lyn made a motion to enter into a payment agreement with Helen Steverson for payment of back taxes on property 405-013. Motion was seconded by Jessica and passed unanimously. The payment agreement was signed by all members of the Board and will be sent to the taxpayer for her signature.
- Attorney Kyle McDonald has again requested on behalf of his client Susan Connolly that the town refrain from deeding property 411-034 because the property owners are still involved in litigation. He expects a resolution soon and stated in his correspondence that all back taxes and interest will be paid once the property is sold. Jim made a motion to grant the deed waiver based on the conditions presented by the attorney at this time with the motion seconded by Lyn. Motion passed 3-0.
- Deed waivers were signed for Steverson and Metallic/Connolly. Three properties are set to be deeded this week. Karen inquired about the possibility of a deed waiver for one of the property owners whose property is being deeded for just over \$10 in principal plus another ~ \$90 in costs and interest owed for 2015 taxes. The Board will accept the tax collector deeds for all 3 properties.
- Joseph Fiore has begun payments on repurchase of 79 Ragged Mt Rd

## NEW BUSINESS

1. **New Hampshire Municipal Association** sent out information about the Legislative Policy Conference to be held on 9/14/18 and 4 floor policy proposals submitted by Selectmen of various towns. As a member of NHMA , the Town of Danbury has a vote at the policy conference and can appoint a voting delegate. The Board of Selectmen took no action on this.

## SELECTMEN

- Jim -
  1. told the Board that he signed a purchase order for the Fire Department to have the annual pump testing done. This is in their budget.
  2. Asked if the other board members were interested in being in the Grange Fair.
  3. Informed the Board that at the Planning Board meeting on 8/14, Ragged submitted a conceptual plan for subdividing 6 lots on New Canada Rd. Jim asked that they convey some land to the town so that the sharp curve on New Canada Road near Davis Road could be straightened out for safety reasons.

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- Town Hall water sample taken to Concord. Results - negative
- Primex 2018 coverage updates
- Grants available for Q2C
- Boston Cane article(Roche spelled wrong ☹)
- CAP thank you for support
- Highway Dept training held by Primex on 7/31/18
- Found tires taken to Transfer Station by Noel
- Notice of tax lien execution to town as lien holder
- Final Legislative Bulletin and summary

At 7:30 pm Lyn made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant