

# TOWN OF DANBURY - Board of Selectmen

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday , January 31, 2018 6:00 pm

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

**Appointments:** 6:30 Jim Larkin

### **Checks/Applications/Signatures**

- **Payroll and accounts payable** were signed.
- Minutes of 1/17/2018 were reviewed. Jim made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed 3-0.
- Jim made a motion to sign the renewal permit to sell guns for Robert Weeks, Smith River Trading Post. Motion was seconded by Lyn. Motion passed 3-0.
- Jim made a motion to sign the timber tax bill for Jon and Ann Johnson, Map 410 Lot 060-001 in the amount of \$1446.72. Motion was seconded by Lyn. Motion passes 3-0.
- A sign permit application was received from Frances and Brian Bliss to place a sign on 663 US Route 4 for the storage units. Jim noted that a letter from the current owner, Sandra Brownell, is required giving them permission to act as her agents. No action was taken on the sign permit.

### **Old Business:**

A letter was received from the Department of Revenue Administration suggesting that a "date of delivery" should be added to the town's current assessing contract with CNP. The response from Cheryl at CNP indicated that the contract is for work performed at random throughout the calendar year. There are no due dates that can be outlined in the contract or have a date of delivery defined if they do not know what work is to be done until they receive it. There have never been due dates in the assessing contracts in the past and CNP continues to believe it is not necessary. Jim made a motion to keep the contract as originally written, seconded by Lyn. Motion passed 3-0.

Melissa Pierce of Comcast, responded with information about the cost of extending cable broadband service in unserved areas of town. This cost would range between \$290,000 and \$516,000. She stated that this makes the cost to build those areas prohibitive. In this statement she did not take into account the possibility of the town contributing a portion of that cost, something that had been mentioned at her meeting with the Board on July 19, 2017. She also did not address other concerns the Board had raised about the franchise renewal agreement. A response letter will be drafted to seek answers to the previously posed questions.

The quote from Lakes Region Fire Apparatus for repairing the damage to the newest fire truck came in at \$7527.46. The insurance adjuster put the damage at \$7998.53. Primex sent a check for \$6998.53 to cover the damages less the deductible. The claim will be kept open in case any further damage comes to light.

Michael Limanni, business administrator at the Newfound Area School District, responded by email to the questions the board raised about how the town gets billed per pupil and the formula for transportation cost distribution. He is looking into the few students on the Danbury student list who the Board of Selectmen believe are not town residents.

Items for the Selectmen's report for the annual town report were discussed. Jim will prepare a draft for review at the next meeting.

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## New Business:

The State of NH DMV submitted a form for town approval for Moran Auto Repair to have a motor vehicle inspection station. The Board reviewed the form and agreed that per the Home Occupation approval previously signed, there is no reason not to approve the motor vehicle inspection station. Lyn made a motion to approve it, seconded by Jim. Motion passed 3-0. Lyn completed the form and signed it.

The well water from the shared well for the Town Hall and the DCC was tested by the State of NH Department of Environmental Services. This is an artesian well. Results should be forthcoming.

## Appointments:

Jim Larkin met with the Board to discuss the opening at the Transfer Station. On Saturday 1/27, Carl Hultberg gave his two weeks notice. The job will be posted on the website and around town.

At 7:02 Jessica made a motion to go into non-public session per

*RSA 91-A:3, II(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, **other than a member of this board**, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. Motion was seconded by Jim. Lyn - yes, Jim - yes, Jessica - yes. Motion passed unanimously.*

Motion to leave non public session made by Lyn, seconded by Jim. Motion passed. Public session reconvened at 7:15 pm.

## **FYI:**

- Road Business magazine
- Newfound Landing article - missing signs

At 7:45 Lyn made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed and meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant