

TOWN OF DANBURY - Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes Wednesday , JANUARY 4, 2017 6pm

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

Also present: Ann Copp, State Representative

Checks/Applications/Signatures

Payroll and Accounts Payable Manifests were signed.

- Lyn England made a motion to accept the minutes of 12/21/2016, seconded by Jim Phelps. Motion carried.
- Building Permit (408-073)Dumont 01-2017B for a FRONT PORCH ADDITION. Jim made a motion to approve the building permit for the addition and the 2 temporary storage boxes were approved for 6 months., seconded by Lyn. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- The Selectmen received a response from the town attorney regarding the hazardous condition of the burned out building at 88 High Street. Per RSA 155:B, Selectmen can order the removal of hazardous buildings. He will draw up the order at the Selectmen's request. If the owner challenges the order it will be heard in the district court. Jim made a motion to engage the town attorney to move forward with the order to raze the hazardous building at 88 High Street, seconded by Jessica Hatch. Motion carried.
- The deed was received for the Michael/Thibault property (416-023) on Littlefield Rd. This is the second property that they have turned over to the town as they no longer wanted to pay taxes on them.
- The '05 Highway truck used by Noel Phelps caught on fire on Jack Wells Road. A hydraulic hose broke, dripped fuel on the muffler and caused the fire. The paint on the fender, wires and air lines burned. The Board would like a quote on the repairs before the work is done. An insurance claim will be filed. There also have been issues with the '08 truck. During the last storm, a grader had to be used for plowing.

New Business:

- Two letters were received about increased and speeding traffic on Wiggin Road with it being used as a shortcut to Ragged Mountain Resort. Karen provided examples of possible signage that could be placed on the road. "GPS Routing Not Advised", "Winding Narrow Road", Caution Pedestrians". The Board agreed that signs could be ordered and placed. Karen will follow up.
- Discussion ensued about the busy day at Ragged Mountain Resort on December 30. Cars were parked alongside Ragged Mountain Road.
- Irene Reagan made a complaint that the turnaround on Chellis Drive is not being plowed as per the court ordered agreement of 2004. Karen will advise the Road Agent of the issue.
- Trustees of Trust Funds annual indemnification vote - James Phelps made a motion to indemnify the Trustees of the Trust Funds from personal liability, seconded by Lyn England. Motion carried 3-0.
- A property on Eastern District Rd 201-074 is collecting a lot of junk cars on the lot. Jim will check with the owners to see what is happening there. The Board does not want it to get out of control.

Ann Copp, newly elected State Representative, wanted to let the Board know that if there are any issues or concerns that she can help with, she is available. She can be a resource for the Board if a need arises. She asked if the Board had received the thank you note to the voters that she left with the Town Clerk. It contained her contact information. Ann will drop off another copy of it. She thanked the Board for their time.

Doug Colby came in for a copy of the regulations for lighted signs. While he was there, Jim asked about the progress being made on tearing down the house. Mr. Colby said that the fire is still under investigation and he cannot get a fire report from the state fire marshal or permission to tear down the house. Jim asked for that in writing and informed Mr. Colby that the town attorney would be in touch with him.

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Disposition of the old fire truck was discussed once again. No decisions were made.

Sick leave was discussed. The state sick leave policy was reviewed. No action taken.

BUDGET

A budget request from the Merrimack County Advocacy Group was discussed. The Budget Committee will be recommending \$500 for this group. The Board felt that this is already being funded thru Merrimack County taxes.

A warrant article for the purchase of a new highway truck was discussed, with a bond for \$150,000 and \$50,000 raised by taxation. Jessica made a motion to approve, seconded by Jim Phelps. Motion passed.

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be January 18, 2017 at 6pm.

At 8:00 Jim Phelps made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jessica Hatch. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant