

TOWN OF DANBURY - Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday , November 15, 2017 6:00 pm

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

Appointments **6:15** **Tricia Taylor, Town Clerk/Tax Collector**
 6:30 **Deborah Loiselle, MTBE Remediation Bureau**
 7:00 **Sharon Klapyk/Linda Higbee, Library Trustees**
 7:30 **Chief Suckling, Police Department**
 8:00 **Chief Austin, Fire Department**

Checks/Applications/Signatures

Payroll and accounts payable were signed.

Forest Fire billing for a brush fire in Alexandria on October 20 and 21, 2017 was signed. Our fire fighters are being paid this week and the town will be reimbursed by the Town of Alexandria.

Highway Department

Newly hired Highway workers have indicated their start dates. Walter Wright will start on November 27 and Jeremy Cornell will start on November 29.

New Business:

The board received a copy of a memo to Chief Suckling from Cemetery Sexton Andy Phelps notifying him of vandalism around the tomb on Spa Road. The door to the tomb, which is approximately 100 years old has been damaged from rocks being thrown at it. Also, trash and debris have been left in front of the door.

Deborah Loiselle, MTBE Remediation

Deborah Loiselle of the MtBE Remediation Bureau met with the Board to explain the bureau's plan to conduct water quality (VOC- volatile organic compounds including MtBE) sampling in an area of Danbury that may potentially be impacted by MtBE and to provide safe drinking water to those that have concentrations above standard. MtBe was a gasoline additive used from 1979-2007. The sampling program is voluntary. Each resident in the targeted sampling district will receive an invitation to sample their well. Residents will likely contact the Town with questions after receiving the invitation. During the course of the meeting, Ms. Loiselle stated that there is funding available to offer the free sampling to the whole town if the Board of Selectmen is interested. It was agreed that offering this opportunity to have well water tested for VOC in all of Danbury is a good idea. The board thanked Deb Loiselle for coming in to present the information on this process. She will also provide information that can be posted on the website.

Budget Meetings

Tricia Taylor, Town Clerk/Tax Collector had no major changes from last year. Mileage is increased because she is now taking the state deposit to the bank instead of the treasurer.

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Sharon Klapyk, Linda Higbee, Library Trustees are asking for no changes to the 2017 budget. However, Linda wondered if the book bills could be paid directly from the town office instead of as a reimbursement to the George Gamble Library. Books are purchased monthly. This is fine with the Board and will begin in 2018. Also, the library trustees asked if \$150 of the \$800 +/- surplus left from the heating line could be used this year to purchase books. The Selectboard agreed to this.

Dave Suckling, Chief of Police, is requesting a budget increase of approximately \$4000. This amount reflects increases in the hours and pay of the administrative assistant and in the computer support line. The Chief would like to replace the 2010 cruiser, and suggested the old cruiser be given to the fire department to use as a departmental vehicle. In addition, the Chief would like to increase police department office space by expanding out into the meeting room of the Town Hall.

Tom Austin, Fire Chief and Bruce Armstrong of the Fire Department reviewed the department's budget request for 2018. The amount requested is up \$11,000 + from last year. The department is seeing an increase in medical calls, many related to the opioid problem. EMS medical supplies are up considerably this year. Another increase is seen in the equipment line. 3 pagers, a new radio, new fire fighting gear and a hose are needed. Chief Austin would like the Board to consider increasing the pay of Kyle Levesque to \$18.50/hour. Kyle currently does all the training in house that they used to have to pay outside help to perform. In addition, he does all the fire inspections in town and the fire investigations.

At 9:30 Lyn made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jessica. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.
Respectfully submitted Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant