

# TOWN OF DANBURY - Board of Selectmen

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday , November 8, 2017 6:00 pm

### Members Present:

Lyn England  
James Phelps  
Jessica Hatch  
Karen Padgett

Administrative Assistant

### Appointments -

**Alan Huntoon 6:15**

### Checks/Applications/Signatures

- **Payroll and accounts payable** to be signed
- Lyn made a motion to approve the minutes of 11/1/2017 as amended, seconded by Jim. Motion carried.
- Jim made a motion to approve a building Permit, **41-2017B**, for Stephen **Connors** at 313 Ragged Mt Road for a free standing solar array. Motion was seconded by Jessica and passed 3-0.

### Highway Department

- Chief Austin and Road Agent Huntoon met with FEMA representatives on November 7 to look at the sites that received damage and wash outs in the 10/30 storm. Rick Swift of the Fire Department is handling the damage cost and reporting on behalf of the Fire Department.
- The new Highway truck is in Maine. Once it's in the shop it takes roughly 3 weeks to have everything put on it.
- A chipper has been rented and Alan and Noel are working their way around town chipping brush and debris from the storm.

### Old Business:

According to the town's legal counsel, there are specific steps that need to be followed to amend the town's pole licenses with utility companies to make them compatible with current law. Jim made a motion to hold a public hearing on **November 29, 2017** beginning at **6 P.M.** at the Danbury Town Hall, 23 High Street, pursuant to the provisions of RSA 231:163 and 43:2, for the purpose of considering amending all existing pole licenses to include language regarding taxation pursuant to RSA 72:23. Motion was seconded by Jessica. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board will also consider adopting a revised Pole and/or Conduit License form which will include language regarding taxation pursuant to RSA 72:23.

The hearing is being held to determine if it is in the best interests of the public good to amend the pole licenses so that they are consistent with the property taxation statutes (RSA 72:23).

Notice of the hearing will be sent to Eversource, New Hampshire Electric Coop and FairPoint Communications.

### New Business:

- In advance of upcoming budget meetings with department heads, the Board reviewed expenditures to date to see where the town stands in relation to the 2017 budget.
- Board members asked Karen to begin scheduling meetings with department heads to look at their budget requests. These meetings will begin November 15.
- Deborah Loiselle of the MtBE Remediation Bureau has requested a meeting with the Board to explain the bureau's plan to conduct water quality (VOC including MtBE) sampling in an area of Danbury. 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, so a meeting will be set up with Ms. Loiselle for November 15 at 6:30 for her to explain the program in more detail.

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At 6:16 Jim made a motion to go into non public session per **RSA 91-A:3, II (b) *The hiring of any person as a public employee.***

Motion seconded by Lyn. Motion carried. Lyn - yes, Jim - yes, Jessica - yes

At 7:00 the Board came out of non public session with Jessica making the motion, seconded by Lyn. Motion carried. No decisions were made, no votes taken.

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- Jessica asked if anything had been heard from Randy Sirard about pricing the gutters for the DCC. After leaving two messages, Karen has received no response from him.
- No word or response from Melissa Pierce of Comcast regarding the contract renewal.
- Nick's Plumbing and Heating came in to repair the furnace at the Town Hall because the Selectmen's office had no heat. Jim made a motion to authorize the cleaning of the furnaces at the DCC and the Town Hall by Nick's Plumbing and Heating. Seconded by Jessica. Motion carried.
- Jim had received messages inquiring whether the Selectmen had granted permission for anyone to use the class VI road at the end of Danbury Woods Rd. The large tires that blocked the gate have been moved. No permission from the Selectmen's office was granted for anyone to drive on the road. Jim made a motion to lock the gate and provide keys to the property owners who have frontage on the class VI road. This motion was discussed but did not get a second. Jim withdrew his motion but said he will bring it up again.
- The Selectmen asked Karen to contact All Ways Wrecking to see if they can remove the debris from 88 High Street in January.
- Jim suggested that the town write a letter to the state asking them to reconsider redoing the overpass on Walker Brook Road. The recent storm that caused washouts on Roy Ford Road, Jack Wells Road and Eagle Pond Road made parts of the town inaccessible for emergency vehicles. He suggested that if the state were willing to take on that project, the town would take over the portion of Walker Brook Road currently maintained by the State of NH.
- Building permit revisions were discussed. Karen was asked to research building permits from other towns.

## FYI

- **NHDES Permit Modification** - reducing gas monitoring frequency at Turnkey Landfill to once every other year
- **RMR Alteration of Terrain Amendment Request form** - changing the configuration of the fill pile associated with the East Pond project. Re-configuration will create a flat area overlooking the new East Pond and the expanded West Pond. RMR hopes to use this visual amenity in the future as an event area.
- **Partnership for Public Health** Annual report
- Mid State Health Center annual meeting notice
- Correspondence sent

At 7:40 Lyn made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jessica. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant