

TOWN OF DANBURY - Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday , February 6, 2019 6:00 pm

Members Present: James Phelps

Jessica Hatch

Members Not Present:

Lyn England

Administrative Assistant

Karen Padgett

Appointments

Road Agent Cornell

6:30

Irene Reagan /Tricia Taylor, Tax Collector

7:00

Fire Chief Martin

Checks/Applications/Signatures

- Payroll and accounts payable were signed.
- Jim made a motion to accept the minutes from 1/30/19 as amended, seconded by Lyn. Motion passed 3-0.
- Jim made a motion to sign a timber tax bill in the amount of \$798.63 for Ragged Mt Resort, operation number 18-111-07-T, Map 416-063. Motion seconded by Lyn and passed 3-0.
- Jim made a motion to sign an intent to cut for Padgett, 411-072, Littlefield Rd. Motion seconded by Jessica and passed 3-0.

Highway

Jim gave an update on the status of the building repairs.

1. The trusses are repaired
2. One of the overhead doors will be replaced tomorrow
3. The alarm company is coming tomorrow to rough in the wiring for the fire alarms
4. The insulation company is coming Monday, 3 - 3/1/2 days to do the insulation on the exterior walls, cover it with the CertainTeed membrane and then also putting the membrane on the ceiling. When that is completed the next step is the sheet rock for the ceiling. New Boston Restoration has donated the use of their scissor lift for the duration of the project.
5. Seth Offen has completed the electrical
6. There is discussion about the requirement for a closed stairwell to meet the Life Safety Code. The cost of an enclosed stairwell would be approximately \$12,000. A window will be installed upstairs as a means of egress in case of emergency.
7. The additional cost of the upstairs office is \$1200

Road Agent Cornell is requesting an additional amount be added to the rental line of the budget when the town meets for deliberative session on February 7. The insurance will cover \$3000 for the J & B Rental. The expense to the town over that amount is \$3985. Primex approved \$1400 for the Kenworth rental. That amount covered through 1/10. We continue to rent that truck at a cost of \$700 per week. The loader is being rented at \$55/ hour used. Lyn suggested contacting Primex and explaining that the amount of time the repairs are taking is beyond our control. Jim said that maybe insurance will pay more but we won't know that before the deliberative session. An additional \$12,000 will be requested at 1st deliberative session.

In addition, the situation with the sand is not good. The sand pile has been depleted because of the icy road conditions and the frost going deep into the pile. Also, about 150 yards have been delivered to the sand pile near the transfer station. The pile there has to be replenished frequently. Road Agent Cornell will ask for an additional \$5000.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Jeremy Martin came in to meet with the Board. He informed the board of the following positions in the Fire Department:

- Mert Austin, Forest Fire Warden
- Kyle Levesque, Deputy Fire Chief
- Jason Warn, acting captain

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- The Lieutenant positions are open
- Rick Swift will continue to do administrative work for the department

He informed the Board of couple of issues with the building. A limb came down and took off the light at the end of the building. He is getting pricing to have it replaced. Also, the door threshold is gone.

Jim said that the Board was going to put money in the budget or on a warrant to paint the building and replace the windows, but with the Highway Garage fire expenses they thought it would be better to put in on for next year. Next year the fire truck and the highway truck will be paid off which will reduce the budget by over \$120,000.

Jeremy is fine with the Board nominating Kyle as Emergency Management Director.

The Board thanked Chief Martin for coming in.

Old Business:

- The Board finalized the Selectboard Report for the annual town report and reviewed the budget and warrants for the 1st deliberative session.
- The tenants at 29 Lilac Lane have moved out. The electric is now being billed to the Town. All the water has been shut off. We are still waiting for word from the back up buyer to see if he is still interested.

New Business:

Irene Reagan requested a meeting with the Board of Selectmen and the Tax Collector. She is representing Louise Robie on the matter of her past taxes due. A statement she received from her bankruptcy attorney does not match the amount that the tax collector shows is due. Tricia had documentation that all of the payments made by the bankruptcy court are accounted for, but Irene still feels there is a discrepancy in the 2014 tax balance due. Tricia will contact the bankruptcy attorney to try to resolve this issue.

Selectmen:

Lyn heard about an accident at the intersection of Juniper Meadow Rd and US Route 4. Jessica said that the banks have been pushed back. She thought even prior to that she thought they were pushed back pretty well. Lyn stated that there is a town RSA that it is the town's responsibility to maintain the sight of visibility.

AA

- vacation request was approved

At 7:45 Jim made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lyn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant
The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be February 20 at 6pm