

TOWN OF DANBURY - Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Sunday , March 18, 2018 6:00 pm

Members Present:

Lyn England
James Phelps
Jessica Hatch

Road Agent

Jeremy Cornell

The Board went into non public session at 5pm and came out of non public session at 5:30 by motion of Jim , seconded by Lyn.

Jim made a motion to offer Alan Huntoon a temporary position with the Highway Department at \$17.00 per hour with continuation of existing benefits, with the understanding that the Board will be advertising for a full time employee and he has the option of applying for the position if he is interested. Jessica seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The job will be posted and advertised.

The Highway Department made a decision to have premium gas delivered and used for the pick up. Jeremy Cornell reported that they have been having a lot of trouble with the gas. The town pick up has not been running well. The premium gas is an additional 50 cents per gallon. When the tank was filled it cost an additional \$200. They would like Karen to check to make sure the town is getting a tax exemption.

Lyn commented that for a while the police department was using a lot of gas and wondered if we know what they are using now. Jim calculated that last year gasoline usage averaged about 200 gallons a month.

There is an issue with the fuel tank at the Highway garage according to the state. An inspector was in and said that tank is in non-compliance. The tank was installed in 2002. It needs some sort of spill protection. There is moisture between two liners and the fuel company can come and pump out the moisture. The last time the state came by for this was in 2005. Road Agent Cornell stated that he was told it should be inspected annually. Also, there is a lot of junk around the tank as well. Jim found information that the gas tank at the transfer station is exempt from state registration and inspection because it is less than 660 gallons.

Lyn feels that the locks should be changed at the Highway garage. The board authorized Jeremy to go to Belletete's and get matching locks for the front and back door. A list should be made of who has copies of the keys. This will be charged to General Government Buildings.

The new road agent has a long list of issues at the Highway Department. In his estimation, the building needs a new water heater and a new furnace. The toilet has been fixed, a new refrigerator was purchased. It was on sale for \$400.

The computer at the Highway garage is too old and Jeremy cannot access email from it.

The Board would like the Road Agent to prepare an inventory of equipment with the hours/mileage and year of each piece, along with any repairs that are needed. Currently there are 2 reliable trucks and 3 very unreliable trucks. The Freightliner has ~100,000 miles on it and needs \$5,000 - \$8,000 in repairs. The '05 truck went to Reed's Truck Services on a wrecker. It was a short fix and needs to go back for more work. Possibly a new engine. The '08 breaks down every other day. Also, the loader transmission is having problems. The grader has a significant oil leak. The dump body purchased from Enfield looks like it won't fit and needs all kinds of work.

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There is a great deal of old equipment that needs to be disposed of.

Jim wondered if we need 4 dump trucks or if a one ton truck could be used instead of one of the dump trucks. Jeremy feels that the needs of the town can be met with 3 frontline trucks, a small truck and a spare. According to Jim it takes just as much resources to maintain a spare. Jessica said in Wilmot they have 3 big trucks, a spare, a 550 and a pick up.

Jeremy stated that he is willing to work with the Selectboard and keep them informed.

The recount for Selectmen's office will be at 5pm on 3/21.

Sand bids will be opened at 6:15 on 3/21.

At 6:30 Jim made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jessica. Motion carried.

Minutes taken from notes and recording of meeting.