

TOWN OF DANBURY - Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday , April 26, 2017 6:00 pm

Members Present: Lyn England, Chair
James Phelps
Jessica Hatch
Administrative Assistant: Karen Padgett
Road Agent: Alan Huntoon

Lyn England opened the meeting at 6pm. At 6:05 Lyn 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 Jim Phelps. Lyn - Yes, Jim - Yes, Jessica - Yes. Motion carried.

At 6:25 Lyn made a motion to come out of non public session, seconded by Jessica. Motion carried. No decisions were made, no votes taken.

Checks/Applications/Signatures

- **Payroll** was signed
- Minutes for 4/19 were reviewed. Jim Phelps made the motion to approve as amended, seconded by Lyn England. Motion carried.
- Driveway Permit - 408-073 Dumont - Alan has taken a look at it and it will require a culvert. Lyn made a motion to approve the application for a second driveway on the property, seconded by Jim. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- A timber tax abatement request from D Scanlan for operation 16-111-10-T was reviewed. Mr. Scanlan provided the contract with the lumber company showing stumpage rates paid and estimated volume. Before making a determination on the abatement, the Board agreed they would like to see the tear slips of the actual timber harvested. This has been the practice for all recent timber abatement requests. Karen will contact Mr. Scanlan for the information.
- Personnel Policy Revision/pay rates will be discussed at the next meeting.
- The Board continued the discussion of ownership of 410-077 and 410-058 that was tabled from 4/19/2017 meeting. Central Land Surveying provided documentation dating back to 1889 showing that Brian & Mike's Timber Harvesting is the owner of these two pieces of land on NH Route 104. Current tax records show 410-058 owned by the Town of Danbury and 410-077 as Owner Unknown. After looking at a recorded plan of the land of Tricia and Phyllis Taylor recorded in 1987 showing the parcel now known as 410-077 as abandoned, the board, Jim made a motion to accept the information presented by Central Land Surveying proving Brian and Mike's Timber Harvesting are the owners of 410-077 and 410-058, seconded by Jessica. Motion carried. Jim suggested that Tricia Taylor talk to Brian and Mike about a possible lot line adjustment.
- A citizen has expressed concern that a gate has been place across Cross Road. Karen explained to him that the landowner had presented information that many years ago the town had given up the road and had given the current landowner permission to put up the gates to keep vandals from dumping trash on his property. The citizen's opinion is that the Selectmen did not have the authority to do this. He was invited to come to a meeting to discuss this with the Selectboard.
- ***Jim presented his spreadsheet comparing truck bids to the other members of the board. Most of the specs are comparable with the Kenworth being the highest priced truck. Jim will get the phone number of the sales rep from Alan and call to see if they can reduce the price at all. The 2015 truck is a Kenworth and the Highway Department has been happy with it.***

At 6:50pm Lyn 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 Jessica. Lyn - Yes, Jim - Yes, Jessica -Yes Motion carried.

At 7:00 Lyn made a motion to come out of non public session, seconded by Jessica. Motion carried. No decisions were made, no votes taken.

New Business:

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- Jeremy Martin has filed a wage claim with the NH Department of Labor for 39 hours of vacation pay he feels he is owed. The Town has 10 days to respond. Lyn will draft a response.

At 7:15 Lyn 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 Jessica. Motion carried.

At 7:35 Lyn made a motion to come out of non public session, seconded by Jessica. Motion carried. No decisions were made, no votes taken.

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- Questions were received this week about:
 1. placing a camper temporarily on a property while a home is being constructed. The homeowner lives in Massachusetts and driving back and forth on the weekends when she is meeting with contractors about the construction is difficult for her. The camper would be for weekend use only. The Board advised that she should complete a building permit showing the location of the camper and it would be approved for 1 year only. At that time she will have to reapply if the home is not complete.
 2. placing a mobile home or camper on a property on Hemlock Lane in Echo Glen. A potential buyer of this piece of property was inquiring about this. Jim recalled that in this section of Echo Glen, mobile homes are not allowed. In researching the original deed covenants from Northeast Development, it was discovered that no mobile homes or campers are allowed.
- Kyle Levesque has been working with Comcast to get better internet service at the Fire Station. The connection is quite bad, especially for training purposes when several are online. The Fire Department will be switching both the phone lines and the internet from FairPoint over to Comcast.

At 8:00 Lyn 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 Jessica. Lyn - yes, Jim - yes, Jessica - yes. Motion carried

At 8:17 Lyn made a motion to come out of non public session, seconded by Jim. Motion carried. No decisions were made, no votes taken.

FYI

- DRA Revised/Reviewed Appropriations
- Pavement Maintenance & Rehabilitation Workshop 5/2/2017
- Lake Sunapee guide to account updates
- Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid newsletter

At 8:20 Lyn 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 Jessica. Lyn - yes, Jim - yes, Jessica - yes. Motion carried.

At 9:00 Lyn made a motion to come out of non public session, seconded by Jim. Motion carried. No decisions were made, no votes taken.

At 9:00 Lyn made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jessica. Motion carried and meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant