

TOWN OF DANBURY - Board of Selectmen

Old Business:

- Two bids were received for the DCC painting. The bids were as follows:
George Hill \$8,400 for the building/\$10,300 would include the front porch and rear railings and landing.
New England Painting Solutions \$19,769.00
Jim made a motion to award the Danbury Community Center painting to George Hill. Motion was seconded by Lyn and passed unanimously.
- Jim made a motion to return the full amount of the bond check received from Jared King Logging. Motion was seconded by Lyn and passed 3-0.
- A review of the Comcast franchise renewal contract with changes submitted by Melissa Pierce was tabled until the next meeting.
- A quote from Nick's Plumbing and Heating was received for the replacement of the oil furnace in the Town Hall with a propane heating system. Considering that the DCC painting price was higher than expected and the bids for the fire station siding have not yet been received, it was decided that this improvement would be put off until 2019.
- In May 2017 a temporary building permit was issued to Teresa Vellucci to place a trailer on her property on Searle Hill Rd valid for one year. The temporary permit is now expired.

New Business:

- Tricia Taylor, tax collector met with the Selectmen to request abatement of lien costs that were assessed in MuniSmart in error before the lien was processed. These costs amount to \$123.80. In addition, on properties 411-092 and 411-094, because of an error in processing their payment, an abatement is needed in the amount of \$219.94 that is strictly interest.
- A purchase order in the amount of \$825.00 for repairs to the 2010 police cruiser was presented. Jim made a motion to approve the purchase order for cruiser repairs, seconded by Lyn. Motion passed unanimously.
- Jeremy Cornell asked for the reimbursement for his cell phone which was damaged while working removing brush. It was covered by his insurance, with a \$200 deductible. Discussion ensued about the town supplying a cell phone for the Highway Department. Karen will look at options for purchasing a cell phone for the Highway Department. Jim made a motion to reimburse the \$200 for Jeremy Cornell's phone, seconded by Jessica. Motion carried.
- Road Agent Cornell would like to have a waiver of liability form available when the Highway Department delivers ditching material at the request of a property owner.
- Quote for furnace replacement Town Hall \$6959.60
- Helen Kendall and Paul Thorsen came in seeking guidance about the possibility of setting up a plant stand/nursery on their property on North Road. Jim stated that agricultural businesses are exempt from the home occupation and cottage industry requirements. If any structures are built a building permit is needed. Jessica added that a sign permit would be needed for any signage. Jim made a motion to approve as exempt the request by Helen Kendall and Paul Thorsen for a greenhouse farm stand operation at their property on North Road. Motion seconded by Jessica. Motion passed unanimously. The Board wished them good luck on their venture.

AA:

- Karen asked if the Selectboard would like to submit any information in the monthly Danbury Community Center newsletter. It was suggested that meetings could be posted in the newsletter.
- Franco Rossi of CAI Tech, the company used for town tax maps, suggested dropping the deed review service. This service allows for a once a year listing of property owners which is kept in the Town Hall lobby for public inspection. A listing of the same sort could be done in house and could be updated more frequently. The savings would be \$200 off the current contract. The Selectboard left this decision to Karen, as the new listings would be her responsibility to create.
- The Board agreed that it would be fair to pay Andy Phelps for the time spent auditing 2017 library and trustees of the trust fund records.

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Chief Austin and Road Agent Cornell along with Chief Suckling met with the Board to update them on their meeting with FEMA that was held on May 15 to discuss the process for getting FEMA money for the storm damage from the October 29, 2017 storm. Jessica Hatch attended the meeting as the Selectboard representative. At first glance it appears the process is quite arduous and time consuming. Considering the amount of time and paperwork involved, Jessica said that a judgement will need to be made as to whether it is worth it or not. Even though all the paperwork is completed as requested, there is no guarantee that the town would get the money.

Chief Austin stated that a good deal of funding could be available in mitigation for future damage. All projects need to be identified by July 1. He will be working in conjunction with Cornell to determine a full estimate of what has already been spent. Once that estimate is established, it might as well be submitted for reimbursement.

The two major projects are the Roy Ford Bridge and the accumulation of debris in the Smith River from the four corners to Route 104. Chief Austin said that they can document the increase in frequency of flooding incidents in the four corners area, as well as in the severity of the floods.

Another meeting is scheduled for May 22.

Chief Austin told the Board he has a plan in place for the closure of North Road while the NH DOT is replacing the culvert on North Road. Also, they will be digging up the area that was planned for the dry hydrant installation, so a dry hydrant will be installed at that time.

Road Agent Cornell

Road Agent Cornell would like to have a waiver of liability form available when the Highway Department delivers ditching material at the request of a property owner. Lyn made a motion to approve the use of a waiver of liability for ditching material, subject to review of the final draft. Motion was seconded by Jessica and passed unanimously. Karen will prepare a form for review.

The 2005 truck is again in the shop. After the last repair, it carried four loads before it died. The 2008 truck is having issues as well, so soon he will be down to two trucks. He can't see spending any more money on the 2005 truck. It also has structural issues that need to be addressed. Jim said that there are really no other options since we don't have \$150,000 to spend on a new truck. Road Agent Cornell stated that some of the money in the budget for paving may have to be used for vehicle repairs. Jim suggested that he used the newer trucks and save on the wear and tear of the older trucks.

A lot of scrap metal from the yard at the highway garage has been cleaned up and taken to the scrap yard. All of the monies received have been given to the Selectmen's Office for deposit. Also, 15 or 16 tires have been taken to the transfer station including some large loader tires. He has Scott from Reed's Truck Service lined up to come and look at the old trucks to get an estimate of how much the town could get for them.

He stated that the personnel issues in his department are improving.

Road Agent Cornell met with GMI to get a quote for North Road paving. It will be at least \$80,000. This is the worst section of North Road. He has other options planned if he has to cut into the paving budget for vehicle repair. Lyn asked if there was any plan to topcoat Waukeena Lake Rd and he stated there is not. Different roads and the need for repairs were discussed.

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Cartographics, following receipt of a survey received from the Town of Alexandria of H& H Investment properties, have proposed changing the acreage of two Danbury properties: 404-001 and 404-002. The Board asked Karen to send a letter to the mapping company indicating that we disagree with the survey and not to change the acreage of the above mentioned properties.

Jim reported on the CIP that was proposed at the last Planning Board meeting. He feels that the Capital Improvement Plan has become something that was not the original intent of the plan and has become a sort of wish list. It will not be adopted until the next meeting on May 22nd.

Jessica brought up the issue of vacation pay for Alan Huntoon. He took a vacation day after his road agent term was done and was paid at the new hourly rate. Since he earned the vacation as the road agent, she feels he should be paid for those days at his road agent rate of pay. Also, it was proposed that he be paid out his vacation time, just as an employee who resigns would be.

Jim apologized for his language at the May 2nd meeting, stating that it was inappropriate and unprofessional.

FYI/Review

- Jean Parady sent a thank you to the Board for help in getting the George Gamble Library on the state registry of historic buildings.
- Tires from Highway taken to transfer station - 16 total, many of them large
- Effective enforcement workshop June 1 2018, 9-12:30
- Invitation to TTCC Annual Meeting
- Road maintenance class for elected officials
- Community profile
- legislative bulletin

At 9:10pm Jim made a motion to go into non public session per

RSA 91-A:3, II(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.

Motion was seconded by Jessica. Jim - Yes, Lyn - Yes, Jessica - Yes

At 9:25 Jim made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant