

# TOWN OF DANBURY - Board of Selectmen

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday May 4, 2016

**Members Present:** Jessica Hatch, Chair  
Lyn England  
James Phelps  
**Administrative Assist** Karen Padgett

**Appointments:** **State Rep/ Brian Gallagher 6pm**  
**Kim Patten 6:15pm**  
**Shaun Lagueux 6:45pm**  
**Road Agent Huntoon 7:15pm**

**Visitors:** Andy Phelps

### Checks/Applications/Signatures

- **Payroll Manifest** was reviewed and signed
- Minutes of 4/6 and 4/20 were reviewed. Jim Phelps made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Jessica Hatch. Motion carried.
- **Timber Warrant 15-111-17-T Brewer 413-003** for \$138.03 Jessica Hatch made a motion to sign the timber warrant, seconded by Jim Phelps. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Building Permits**
  - 13-2016B Sorrell 411-108** New Garage 32X40 Lyn England made a motion to approve the building permit, seconded by Jessica Hatch. Motion carried. James Phelps abstained.
  - 14-2016 Sharp 410-098** 8' X 16' addition to barn. Jessica Hatch made a motion to approve the building permit, seconded by Jim Phelps. Motion passed. Lyn England abstained.
- **Driveway Permit**
  - 406-190-001 MCCABE** Forbes Mountain Rd  
No action was taken pending review by the Road Agent
- **PSNH Pole Attachment Application** for signature. This is a form that needs to be completed and signed in order to put flags on the utility poles in the summer months. James Phelps made a motion to sign the PSNH(Eversource)Pole Attachment Application, seconded by Lyn England. Motion carried 3-0
- Timber sale wetland paperwork for signature. Jessica Hatch signed for the wetland application for the logging operation on 408-060, the town owned Barney Schlagel lot

### Old Business:

- **Underwater Bridge Report** - Ragged Mountain Rd over Bog Pond. This underwater bridge inspection was done last summer at the town's request and the report recently received. The report states the culvert is sound. No action was taken.
- Landowner Donald Miller sent a letter and had questions about the dry hydrant installation on his land before allowing an easement. He also asked if the town would consider granting a right of way off of Route 104 into his land. This is a state driveway permit issue. Karen will send a letter to answer questions and refer him to the state for a driveway permit application.
- An ad was place in the Kearsarge Shopper requesting bids for roofing the town hall. The bid sheet will be sent to two local roofers in town. Bid sheets are available and posted at the town hall. Sealed bids are due May 31, 2016.
- The scale for pay raises based on evaluations was set. The percentages range from 2 ½ % to 3 ½ %

### Visitors/Meetings

**Brian Gallagher** State Representative from Sanbornton came in to introduce himself to the Board. He is running for Senator Jeanie Forrester's district 2 Senate seat. He is visiting all 27 of the communities within the district.

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**Kim Patten** came in to discuss her property on 40 Judkins Rd. She hopes to come up with the money to pay the taxes, interest and penalty on the property that was deeded 12/31/15. She has the right to repurchase for 3 years from the date of deeding. However, the town has the right to sell the property within that time as well. Any proceeds over what is owed the town would go back to the owner or, if there are liens or other encumbrances which were wiped out by the tax collector's deed, the excess funds must be deposited with the NH Superior Court.

The town would like the property cleaned up and would be willing to waive the 15% of assessed value penalty if this happens. The penalty is about \$9000. The Board will send Ms. Patten a letter stating that the property needs to be cleaned up within 30 days from receipt of the letter and the taxes and interest paid. She can then show the letter to the current residents.

## **Town Timber Sale**

### **Shaun Lagueux**

There were 8 bids for the logging operation on M/L 408/060. Shaun estimated the value at \$32,000. The bids ranged from \$25,000 - \$42,900. The high bid is from Sharp Enterprises. They are bidding on the stated volumes, but it is a piece rate sale, so the dollar amount could vary. This company has a very good pricing situation with their buyers because they are their biggest supplier. It was an open process and everybody saw the same wood and gave bids based on the same information. Everyone had a chance at it. The next closest bid was \$36,545.

Jay Matthews, Brent Day, HHP, Hopkinton Forestry Industries, Wade Reed Logging, CCM and Keith Bunnell were the other bidders. The results are shared with all the bidders and is all public information. Based on the recommendation of the forester, Jim Phelps made a motion to award the Barney Schlagel timber sale to Sharp Enterprises. The motion was seconded by Lyn England and passed unanimously. The timber sale contract was signed.

The operation will probably begin mid June and will be done quickly as Sharp Enterprises is a highly mechanized outfit. Jim made a motion to sign Intent to Cut 16-111-04-T for the Town of Danbury, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed and Intent to Cut was signed

A check for \$2000 was submitted with the bid. All other security deposits were returned to the bidders. Money will come into NEFC client trust account and New England Forestry Consultants fee will be deducted from that money and the balance sent to the town. Statements will be sent to the town every week.

## **Alan Huntoon**

### *Paving*

A paving quote was received from Pike Industries for paving Bliss Hill on Waukeena Lake Road and another section of Waukeena Lake Rd. The quote is \$76,725.00. If it goes even a bit over, there is no money in the budget to cover it. It was decided to do Bliss Hill and see what is left of the paving budget after that. There are other spot areas needing paving, and the road agent will choose a few and have Blaktop quote them.

### *Bridges*

A guardrail quote from CWS Fence and Guardrail for Frazier bridge was received for \$4785.00. The Selectmen had a discussion of how to account for money spent for bridge work. It will be shown outside of the budget in the 4900 line. The money is in a capital reserve account for bridges with the Selectmen as agents to expend funds. The hydrants will be handled in the same way. The state bridge reports were reviewed and discussed. These reports of the red listed bridges have details of their deficiencies. No brush has been cut back yet.

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## **Other Business**

Lyn and Jim received messages with a request for using a couple of town locations for geo caching. This a gps based scavenger hunt. The locations mentioned in the request are not town owned. No one on the selectboard is really familiar with this. The decided to allow it in Elmwood Park and Independence Park for now but if traffic becomes too heavy because of it, this permission could be rescinded. Lyn will contact the people making the request.

## **FYI**

**DRA letter** Total equalized valuation for 2015 with utilities was received  
Eversource changing meter at Fire Station because of high usage.  
Easement deeds sent to Frazier and Macuch

At 8:15 Jim made a motion to go into non public session, seconded by Jessica Hatch per

**RSA 91-A:3, II (a)** *The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.*

Motion carried.

The board came out of non public session at 9:20 pm. Jim Phelps made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lyn England. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant