

# TOWN OF DANBURY - Board of Selectmen

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 6, 2016

**Members Present:** Lyn England, Chair  
James Phelps  
Jessica Hatch

**Others Present:** Administrative Assistant, Karen Padgett  
**Guests:** State Senator Jeanie Forrester, 6pm

The meeting was called to order at 6pm by Lyn England and she gave the floor to Senator Jeanie Forrester. The Senator comes in once a year to update the board on the past legislative session, let them know what's on the agenda for the upcoming session and to answer any questions and hear the concerns of the Selectboard.

Among the highlights of the budget was a proposed 75% increase to drugs and alcohol programs and a small decrease in the business tax over a 3 year period. New Hampshire is the 10th worst in creating jobs, post-recession. Our business taxes rank 48th highest in the country. Governor Hassan vetoed the budget because of the business tax cuts and the Senate voted to override the veto, enacting the budget. It was the first time in NH history a budget veto has been overridden.

A joint taskforce was formed on the drug problem in the state. Sen. Forrester was on the task force and they will be making recommendations for legislation to help the opioid problem in NH.

Issues for this session are Medicaid expansion, a tax on electric cars, some gun bills, a bill on raising the minimum wage.

High energy costs were discussed. The Board thanked Senator Forrester for meeting with them.

### Checks/Applications/Signatures

- **Manifests** were reviewed and signed
- **Minutes** of 12/30 were reviewed. Jessica Hatch made a motion to approve the minutes of 12/30/15 as written, seconded by James Phelps. Motion passed unanimously.

### Old Business:

- Abatement reversal question asked of Michelle Clark of the Department of Revenue Administration and a memo sent to Tricia Taylor. Tricia will contact Cate DeVasto of the DRA to get clarification.
- The town received information from David Flynn of the NH DOT regarding the right of way on NH 104 in the area of the Library. While there is no specific information for this area of the roadway, he stated that the Prescriptive ROW of 25 feet from the center of the road would apply (approximately 12 1/2 feet from the edge of the road). Nothing can be placed within the 25 feet Prescriptive Right of Way.
- Tax collector's deeds were reviewed. They will be submitted to the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds. James Phelps made a motion to accept the tax collector's deeds on the following properties, seconded by Jessica Hatch. Motion passed unanimously. James Phelps made a motion to grant a deed waiver for the property on Lilac Lane for 90 days per RSA, seconded by Jessica Hatch. Motion carried 3-0.
- The board worked on the finalization of the budget in advance of the budget hearing which is scheduled for 12/14/16.

### New Business:

- Trustees of Trust Funds annual indemnification vote - James Phelps made a motion to indemnify the Trustees of the Trust Funds from personal liability, seconded by Lyn England. Motion carried 3-0.
- Councilor Kenney submitted a report for the 2016 Town Report. Jim would not like it included and feels it is political. Agencies we support should be included.

### Budget/Warrant Articles

- For the **Fire truck**, the \$50,000 raised by taxation was encumbered. The first payment of \$52500 of the \$210,000 bond is included in the budget.
- Differences between Selectmen budget and Budget Committee budget are the stipends for SB, FD, Treasurer, the health insurance and the loan payment.

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- Possible warrant articles discussed include an audit, money for the bridge fund, a police cruiser, the waste oil grant, a backhoe, reassessment, dry hydrant fund, painting the DCC or Town Hall.
- The Selectboard default budget was also discussed. The default budget needs to be ready by the budget hearing on 1/14/16.

## **Administrative Assistant:**

- A request was received from the NH Electric Co-op for a list of any designated scenic roads. At this time there are no scenic roads within the town boundaries.
- 4th Qtr report for NH Employment Security was uploaded to PLT on 1/4/16.
- 941 Quarterly tax return completed for 4th qtr 2015 and mailed.
- memo sent to all department heads regarding year end reports for Town Report
- Notice was received from MCRD announcing that beginning March 1 2016 they will no longer be sending paper deeds to the towns. This information will be available electronically.
- The building permit for Bliss at 1235 US RT 4 is changing. Originally they were proposing a remodel, now it will be new construction. When the new building permit is received, the board will waive the \$50 permit fee.
- The board advised the AA to keep the Road Agent's sick time as it is to start the new year.

Sharon Klapyk and Linda Olmstead were in to express concern about the parking at the library. Jim advised that the only option for parking is on the shoulder of the road, 12 1/2 feet from the edge of the road.

## **FYI**

- December Deeds were reviewed.
- Newest DOT 10 Year Plan has **2 Danbury bridges on red list** - repair or replace bridge over Smith River on US Rte 4 and "rehabilitate" the bridge over the rail trail
- \$1000 received from Trust Funds and deposited for cemetery maintenance
- Tan loan payment made on 12/31/15
- Kearsarge COA Courier received

Motion made to adjourn at 8:00 by Jim, seconded by Jessica. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant