

Town of Danbury
Wednesday

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Selectmen's Meeting

Date: November 28, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM by Chester Martin

Members Present: Chester Martin, Jim Larkin and Christie Phelps

Others Present: Diane O'Brien/Administrative Assistant is on vacation.

Chet inquired as to whether the road agent had been notified to put a stop sign on Courtland Drive. Jim and Diane both stated they had notified Jason.

Christie asked Jim why beer cans were being collected at the transfer station. Jim answered because they were worth a nickel each. There was further discussion and Christie stated she would like to discontinue the "swap shop" unless they could find a more appropriate place to put it and also for Jim to put all the stacked windows in the construction dumpster. Chet suggested holding a meeting at the transfer station to review these matters. A decision was made to hold a meeting at the transfer station at 9:00 AM on Saturday, December 1st.

Christie motioned to allow an over expenditure of the transfer station, Jim 2nd, motion approved 3 – 0.

Christie motioned to approve the minutes of the November 14th and 20th meetings, Chet 2nd, motion approved 3 – 0.

Pole license petitions were submitted by the town clerk-tax collector for signatures. Christie motion to sign the Walker Brook petition, Jim 2nd. motion approved.

A decision was made to opening a new account with Sanel for the Fire Department. This will be easier for accounting purposes and tracking which department had made what purchases.

Tom Austin came in with the Fire Marshals report of the furnace installation at the library. Tom reports that at this time the matter is between the plumbing contractor and the state fire marshal. The board made a decision to meet on Wed. December 14th, with the Trustee's of the Library to inquire about the repairs being done at the library.

We received our review results from the DRA and the only concern was the lack of charitable organization paperwork from the legion. The board made a decision to send out A-9 & A-12 forms prior to the end of the year to all charitable organizations in town.

We received our payment schedule from the NASD and it was noted our payment have gone from \$136300 per month to \$120000 per month.

Christie asked what our TAN was and Diane verified it was \$300000. Tammie Coffman informed Christie if she get confirmation of our tax rate on December 5th, it could be as late as December 20th before she gets tax bills out. The county bill is due on December 5th, therefore we will need to borrow on the TAN. Christie motioned to borrow \$300000 on the TAN with Northway Bank, Jim 2nd, motion approved 3 – 0.

Residents arrived to explain they did not know the town was going to deed their property this year. Christie explained the tax collector reviewed each year the towns lien process and inquired as to why they waited three and a half/four years to come into request help or a payment schedule etc. The board suggested they look into taking a loan on the property to pay the back taxes. They would also consult with town counsel to see if the town could allow the prior owners to sell the property to pay back taxes and keep the overage. The board requested they come back and update the selectmen how they intend to proceed.

A letter was created stating M416-L046 is a buildable lot as long as it meets zoning guidelines. Copy filed in property file. RMR Resort was also interested in this lot and they are inquiring if the town would be interested in selling the two lots it owns on Deckman Road. A decision was made to have the interested party's write a letter of interest to the board.

Chet questioned the fire departments warrant article for the rescue truck. The board feels the funds for this article should be put in a capital reserve fund for fire equipment, not a rescue truck, in case of an emergency.

Christie motioned and Jim 2nd, not supporting the appropriation for Newfound Lake Region Asso. or Community for Alcohol and Drug Free Review, motion approved 3 – 0.

Christie said she planned to give the board 4 or 5 pages of the updated personnel policy's each week, starting next week, for approval.

Jim motioned, Christie 2nd to approve the new Comcast contract with changes requested, motion approved 3 – 0.

Christie asked Diane if Jason had inspected them. Diane stated she did not think so as she had just received the petitions and had not given him a copy.

Diane informed the board that there was remote access to the selectmen's office. Our assessors use it as well as Diane periodically. Remote access is used by 28 other towns by our assessors and it is very secure. Access is for ProVal by the assessors.

Diane also stated she almost felt as if she was being harassed when it comes to complaints by people in regards to her work attitude. She had questioned all her immediate co-workers about their feelings about working with her and the only concerns voiced were in regards to department reports which Diane clarified in her conversation with them. Diane requested all future complaints be addressed to the board instead of her, Christie, personally. Diane stated

there were other town officers she found offensive and rude to work with also but she did not complain about them constantly.

The last discussion was in regards to Diane being disappointed that Christie did not back her getting help with the office and explained why. Christie stated she did not feel the article would pass and explained why and there fore did not wish to back it. Chet also stated he has been in the office and not been able to work with Diane due to constant interruptions in the office which he felt warrant periodic extra help. Chet again stated that for the extra help in the office to pass he felt Christie would also need to support it. Christie stated if she was asked she would state the board had voted to support the article. She then stated she would not personally speak for it but she would also not speak against it.

Everyone was reminded we would meet again Friday, November 30th to set the tax rate.

Christie motioned to adjourn at 8:30 PM, Jim 2nd, motion approved 3 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted By: *James M. O'Brien*