

**Town of Danbury
Wednesday**

Selectmen's Meeting

Date: December 26, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM by Chester Martin

Members Present: Chester Martin, Jim Larkin and Christie Phelps

Others Present: Diane O'Brien/Administrative Assistant

Christie asked if the Comcast contract had come and Diane stated it had and was in the review folder. Diane was requested to call them as see if our free service would start in January for town building.

Jim noted we had correspondence from Bart Mayer, the town's council that his rates would be increasing to \$170 per hour in January 2008.

Chet asked if we needed to add the tax deeded properties to the towns insurance. Christie stated we did and requested Diane call LGC tomorrow to add to our policy.

The calls to Bart Mayer in regards to the RMR Pacific LLC sale and the financial agreement request of the Huards on Waukeena Lake Road were discussed. A decision was made to request the town owned lots on Deckman Road be merged in with the abutter's lot, M416-L060. The town's legal council will create an agreement between the Huards and the town for repurchasing the property on Waukeena Lake Road.

It was noted the board had an appointment with the LGC TRiM team on January 3rd, 2008 at 9:00 am.

The final tax date was received and documented to be December 11, 2007. Any abatement's will need to be figured from that date.

Chet asked Jim how the transfer station upgrade was coming and he told Chet the bills were all submitted.

Tammie Coffman asked how to combine her department supplies and office supplies lines. Christie told her she could just ask the budget committee to combine the lines.

Jim stated he had no response for bids to do the painting at the highway department or the library repairs.

The profit and loss budget vs. actual report was reviewed and a couple corrections noted and entered.

Andy Phelps came in with Jon Johnson to request payment be made to Jon for the DCC emergency electric switch for \$180.60. Andy also mentioned he was trying to get an official list of Danbury servicemen for the plaque for the monument.

Chet reviewed the questions asked by the budget committee at the last meeting for clarification. A lack of warrant article details was discussed and Christie stated we could not always get pricing four months in advance and need an appropriate amount of money to work with in the general government building appropriation. She suggested they should trust the selectmen not to squander money needlessly. Christie also stated there would be a warrant article to go back to the official town meeting town instead of a SB-2 town. It was also noted that January 8th was the last day to submit warrant articles. There was discussion on other budget items the budget committee questioned. It was again mentioned having Diane attend the budget committee meetings in the future.

Chet asked what should be done with the money from the sale of the Ragged Mtn. property. The board discussed the options of using it for a capital reserve future building fund or leave in general fund to help reduce taxation or increase the surplus. Christie stated she would vote in favor of support of a capital reserve fund for further town building and/or land acquisition.

Chet asked what people should be told about selling the Deckman town lots. Christie stated they were non conforming lots that had to be sold to abutter and the probability of getting more than \$45000 per lot from anyone else would justify the "as justice may require" stated in the RSA. She mentioned more abutters could be canvassed to see if they were interested in the lots at \$45000.

There was discussion on the for the administrative assistant and possibly making it a salaried position.. The lack of a time card being submitted by the town clerk-tax collector and the pro's and con's of doing so as well as the hours worked were also discussed.

Chet stated the budget committee was also questioning the budget for the supervisors of the checklist. Chet said the budget committee asked why they were asking for so much money for mileage and wanted to know how many meetings per year they were required to attend. Christie stated the board should consider developing a memo stating that participants in a workshop should choose a location that is closest to the town.

Christie motioned to adjourn at 8:20 PM, Jim 2nd, motion approved 3 - 0.

Respectfully Submitted By: Diane M. O'Brien