

**Town of Danbury
Wednesday Evening**

Selectmen's Meeting

Date: November 14, 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 and Jason Hatch/Road Agent

Jason presented the highway department budget to the selectmen. Christie asked why the wages line was so much higher and if he had added another person. Jason stated he hadn't added anyone and the increase was based on 65 cents per hour increase for all employees and \$2000 for himself. Christie informed everyone of the method for requesting reimbursement for the Forbes Mountain Bridge repair. The expenses incurred from the flood that needed to be reimbursed to Jason's budget were discussed and moved as follows: \$3700 was credited back to the highway over time line, \$6500 to the diesel fuel line and 300 to gasoline. Christie then asked Jason if he was going to apply for the used oil grant in 2008. Jason stated he was for a total of \$2500. Christie stated we needed to put this on a warrant article to keep it out of the budget line.

Ann Johnson came in with a draft of concerns with the Library furnace not properly installed. She requested the selectmen have the fire chief inspect it.

Christie motioned to approve the minutes of the November 7th am and pm, November 9th emergency meeting and November 14th am meetings, Jim 2nd, motion approved 3 – 0..

Christie asked Jim why he called to have cans picked up after the board had sent a letter to the recreation committee to remove the cans. He stated he had always had the cans picked up by Arthur from Springfield Redemption and turned the money over to the treasurer for the recreation department. Christie stated he should have the money sent directly to the town. Chet and Christie both stated he should leave the cans for the recreation department in the future.

Deb Phelps came in to present the Danbury Community Center's budget to the selectmen. Deb listed the current activities still being held at the DCC. She listed the community meals, after school program, non-school/early release/vacation week program, ski program, back pack program for the food bank and the AA meetings. Deb also mentioned the tree in the back of the DCC needed removal for safety reasons. Deb feels after this year the future of the building was unsure.

Christie asked Jim if we had a contract with Bill Gealy to do the electric at the transfer station or if we are being billed by the hour. Jim stated he was being paid hourly and there was no contract.

There was discussion on the town clerk-tax collector's computer support line and Christie told Jim she and Chet could not come to an agreement. Chet stated his objection to paying \$440 for a computer program to enter three or four death per year to a list. He feels a program that would generate a map would make more sense. Jim asked if there was anything from the state that said we needed this. Christie stated that it was a matter of maintaining records. Chet recommends not

recommending the cemetery software support in the future to which Jim agreed. Chet also questioned the town clerk-tax collector's salary line. This was tabled until next Tuesday. The board agreed to recommend \$1460 for computer support instead of the requested \$1900.

Christie motioned to recommend \$15000 for the Danbury Community Center and \$370,600 for the highway department, Jim 2nd, motion approved 3 - 0.

The transfer station budget was reviewed and \$200 added to the transfer station supplies

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

Respectfully Submitted By: James M. O'Brien