

# TOWN OF DANBURY - Board of Selectmen

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday , September 5, 2018 6:00 pm

**Members Present:** James Phelps  
Jessica Hatch  
Lyn England  
**Administrative Assistant** Karen Padgett

**Others in attendance:** Noreen Rollins

### CHECKS/APPLICATIONS/SIGNATURES

- **Payroll and accounts payable** were signed.
- Jessica made a motion to approve the **minutes of 8/15** as amended, seconded by Lyn. Motion passed 3-0.
- Jessica made a motion to sign a **building permit 13-2018B for Janet Littlefield, map 406 lot 027**, for a new garage. Motion was seconded by Lyn and passed unanimously.
- Jim made a motion to sign a **building permit for Jeremy Hill, map 405 lot 004, for a new house**. Mr. Hill told Jim that the current house/barn would be used for his dogs, not living quarters. Motion seconded by Jessica and passed unanimously.
- Jim made a motion to sign a **purchase order** to Franks Auto for **Fire Department** vehicle repairs and inspections in the amount of **\$1,243.35**. Motion seconded by Jessica and passed unanimously.

### HIGHWAY/ROAD AGENT CORNELL

- The Board reviewed a quote received for electrical work and highway garage lighting in the amount of \$1,577. Jim made a motion to approve the repair/replacement of the bathroom light only, seconded by Lyn. Motion passed 3-0.
- Reed Truck Services paid a total of \$7,050 for various used trucks and equipment from the Highway garage.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Karen asked if a letter should be sent to the former owner of 10 Hemlock Lane informing him that the property has been deeded to the town and of steps that could be taken to get the property back. Jim made a motion to send such a letter, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed unanimously.
- The Board received a letter from Senator Bob Guida asking for support in helping to override Governor Sununu's veto of Senate bill 365, relating to the requirement of electric distribution companies (such as Eversource) to buy energy from biomass energy facilities and Senate bill 446, relating to increasing the net metering cap. The three members of the Danbury Board of Selectmen have differing opinions on these issues and therefore decided not to take a position as a Board.

### NEW BUSINESS

- **Pemi River Fuels** has installed the new propane tank at the Library. However on inspecting the furnace, the technician noted that the furnace needs to be "bonded" to the electrical box for safety reasons. The Board authorized Karen to contact Seth Offen of Offen Electric to do this.
- A petition was given to the Police Department with a copy to the Board of Selectmen regarding the issue of barking dogs in the area of Gould Hill Road. According to the petitioners, the dogs start barking at early in the morning and continues throughout the day. The petition was signed by 15 area residents. Officer Marvin is handling this situation with the dog owners. Karen asked if the Board should respond to the petitioners, but at this time the Board will leave it in the hands of the Police Department.

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- Jim Phelps received an email from Andy and Jeanne Powell regarding the correct spelling of Bohonon Road. They noted an incorrect spelling, "Bohonnann", in reading recent minutes of a Selectboard meeting. Also, one of the road signs has the incorrect spelling. According to the Powells, the Bohonon family moved to Danbury in the early 1800's and were involved in town activities for many years. The Powells asked that the name be properly spelled in future minutes and the road sign be corrected.

## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

- Vacation for 9/17 and 9/18 was approved
- There is no key to the Fire Station in the Selectmen's office. Jim will ask Chief Austin for a key.

## SELECTMEN

- Earlier in the week, an abutter of Wallace Building products came in and expressed concern that a storage container/building was not within 20 feet of their property line and perhaps encroached on it. Karen will write to the owner and ask for clarification on the issue and that a building permit application be submitted.
- Jessica and Jim noted that a tiny house has been placed on a piece of property without having submitted a building permit application. They asked that a letter be written to the property owner to cease and desist any further construction on the building until the proper permits are obtained.
- This again brought up the discussion of the current Land Use and Zoning Ordinance issue of ambiguity on the subject of campers, trailers, recreational vehicles, tiny houses, etc used as a residence. The Board agreed that they will attend the Planning Board meeting on September 18 to discuss this problem with the members of the Planning Board.
- Ben Elder of Elder Auto in Bristol has asked that his business be included on the list of vendors used when a wrecker is needed.
- Transfer Station hours for the upcoming weekend will be Saturday 9/8 from 8-10am and Sunday 9/9 from 10am -4pm. These amended hours are necessary to accommodate the closing of North Rd for Grange Fair.

## FYI

- Letter sent to Consolidated Communications re - pole licenses
- AUGUST property sales
- Legislative bulletin asking support for veto of SB446 and SB 365 - vote on 9/13/18
- Public Hearing - Gilmanton for telecommunications tower
- "Board of Selectmen" vs "Selectboard" - Goffstown

At 7:10 pm Jim made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant