

TOWN OF DANBURY

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2025

Meeting called to order by Jessica Hatch at 6:19 p.m. with all members present- Jessica Hatch, James Farmer, and Frances Bliss.

Audience of Becky Huntoon, Jeremy Cornell, Jeremy Martin, Jacob Moran, and Twila Cook.

Welcoming new Selectboard member Frances Bliss and new Administrative Assistant Chantal Roussel.

Vote to appoint Jessica Hatch as Board of Selectmen Chairperson

Motion to approve by James Farmer, seconded by Frances Bliss. Motion passed 2-0.

Discussion of pay raises even though the budget failed to pass and was set back to default.

Trying to get a dollar or more raise instead of percentages of 1% to 2%

-Chief Kelby has asked Jessica to give a \$2 raise to Becky Huntoon

-Jeremy Cornell proposed moving all HW guys to \$26/hr (there was questioning on why longevity and merit does not play a factor into anyone's raises)

- He himself would like \$76k salary, board said they agreed to 73k at one point, in conclusion a salary of \$70,040 was voted on by the people at the deliberative session and agreed on amongst the selectmen.

-Fire chief Jeremy Martin proposed a chief stipend at \$6k, volunteer stipend at \$12k.

Discussion of loss of Police Chief and trying to recruit a new Chief with a higher pay rate.

Purchase order for HWY department generator by Jeremy Cornell

Motion to approve by Jessica Hatch, seconded by James Farmer, motion passed 3-0

Jacob Moran brought an application to be signed to reappoint himself as Forest Fire Warden(state already approved). He also asked if Chantal could be someone in the office that signs off on fire permits, she agreed.

Motion created by Jessica Hatch, seconded by James Farmer motion passed 3-0

Twila asked for access to Bar Harbor to release direct deposit and a new laptop.

TD Bank is closing in Bristol & can no longer take state checks, Twila is shopping around for banks that do so.

Consent/Signature Agenda

- Payroll / Accounts payable
- Gravel Tax Warrant \$1,074.68
 - Phelps/Lane 407-006 \$118.48
 - Phelps 418-029 \$662.00
 - Phelps 416-020 \$37.40
 - Clarke 418-020 \$256.80
- Intent to Excavate – Clarke 418-020 Eagle Pond Rd
- Current Use Application – Bruderman 416-022
- NH DOT Notice of cost escalation for Bohonon Bridge
- Vet credit application 416-027 Lambrecht
- Maplewood Mountain Farm LLC kennel document to sign re comply with zoning regulations.

Motion to approve all above by Jessica Hatch, seconded by James Farmer, motion passed 3-0

Building Permit Applications

- 06-2025B Phelps 201-066 42 School Pond Rd – roof mounted solar array

Motion to approve by Jessica Hatch, seconded by James Farmer, motion passed 3-0

Old Business

- Review final draft from engravers for A. Phelps plaque
Motion to approve by Jessica Hatch, seconded by James Farmer, motion passed 3-0

New Business/ Selectmen

- Andy Phelps has written a check to the Town(it says cemetery but there is no bank account for that) because he wants to have one of his employees help him straighten out the roller shed. He says he should have done it last year but didn't get a chance. He is calling it a donation. What he is attempting to do is cover the cost.

We have no account to put this money towards, so we thanked him for his donation, but we have the money to pay for it.

- Wages
- NHMA class

Chantal and Frances will attend, Karen will register the two of them

- Budget review
- Job applicants - highway

FYI

- 2023 Waste oil grant funds will be reimbursed \$2493.19

Motion to continue to non public session per RSA 91-A:3 II(a) (The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected(1) has a right to a public meeting, and (2) requests that the meeting be open in which case the request shall be granted) at 8:33pm by Jessica Hatch, seconded by James Farmer, motion passed 3-0.