

TOWN OF DANBURY - Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday , June 20, 2018 6:00 pm

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

Appointments: Jeremy Cornell

CHECKS/APPLICATIONS/SIGNATURES

- **Payroll and accounts payable** were signed.
- May bank reconciliations were signed.
- **Building Permits:**
 - 09-2018B BLAY 412-050 NEW GARAGE. Jim made a motion to approve the building permit for Blay, seconded by Jessica. Motion carried.
 - 10-2018B PARADY 201-101 NEW GARAGE 24 X 24 and walkway overhangs. Jim made a motion to approve the building permit for Parady, seconded by Jessica. Motion carried.
- **Intents to Cut:**
 - SCANLAN 413-021 Jim made a motion to approve this intent to cut pending receipt of agreement from Society for Protection of NH Forests to use land for access road. Motion was seconded by Jessica and passed 3-0.
 - HUNTOON 404-005 Forbes Mt Rd - Jim made a motion to approve the intent to cut for Huntoon, seconded by Lyn. Motion passed 3-0.
- **Land Use Change Tax:** Rule/Barker/Morin/Miller 408-039 Ford Mill Rd **\$20.00** - Jim made a motion to approve the LUCT, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Timber Tax:** Gardner 416-069 17-111-08-T \$512.04 - Jessica made a motion to approve the timber tax for \$512.04, seconded by Jim. Motion carried.
- **Declaration of Right to Inter:**
 - E. Colby - Riverdale Cemetery
 - H & P Martz - Riverdale Cemetery
 - Jessica made a motion to approve the Declarations of Right to Inter for Colby and Martz, seconded by Jim. Motion carried.
- A purchase order for forest fire protective clothing and equipment was submitted by Merton Austin, town Forest Fire Warden. The town was approved for a 50/50 state grant in the amount of \$2,000. The town must spend the full \$2,000 and will be reimbursed \$1,000 by the State of New Hampshire. Jim made a motion to approve and sign the purchase order, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed 3-0.
- Jim made a motion to accept the minutes of June 6, seconded by Jessica. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- The renewal of the Comcast cable agreement was discussed. Jessica stated that the Broadband Committee met. A couple of committee members attended a workshop in May about broadband, cable franchise agreements and wireless tower permitting. At this workshop, the presenting attorney stated that if a town gets a cable franchise agreement to sign, she would recommend signing it. The contract does not prohibit another provider from offering service where Comcast does not. The committee asked if the Comcast franchise fee that the town receives quarterly, could be set aside for broadband purposes, rather than going into the general fund. This would have to be set up by town meeting vote.
In addition, Nikki Quartulli, a new member to the committee, will be contacting NEWco High Speed Internet again about the possibility of providing wireless service to unserved members of the community. Previously the town was about 15 households short of the required number. minimum of 80 people have to be interested in the service.

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- The tax deferrals voted on at the previous meeting were reviewed and discussed. Jim made a motion to sign the 3 tax deferral applications for 2013, 2016 and 2017. Motion was seconded by Jessica and passed unanimously. The Selectboard will need to issue an abatement to the tax collector for the amount deferred.
- After contacting JSJ Auctions, two dates were given that would work for auctioning off the tax deeded properties on Lilac Lane, October 6 and October 13. The Board members agreed on the October 13 date. Karen will notify JSJ Auctions of the date and send out the right to repurchase notices.
- Jim made a motion to sign the ten year lease renewal for the Danbury Workshop d/b/a Danbury Community Center, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed unanimously. Karen will take the document to DCC for their authorized signatures.
- Lakes Region Planning Oil and Propane regional joint pricing contract came in as follows:
 - propane \$1.499
 - #2 fuel oil \$2.449

The Board had some concerns because the supplier is Pemi River Fuels and they had not heard of them before. If the town decides to participate, the contract must be signed and returned by June 29.

- Linda Higbee, Library Trustee, updated the Board by email on the parking situation for the George Gamble Library. They have been in negotiations with the owner of the neighboring building(Consolidated Communications) for an easement to allow library patrons to park behind their building. Unfortunately, there is a septic system back there and that is no longer a viable option. They are considering other alternatives—either a driveway on the west side or perhaps parking in front.

NEW BUSINESS

- Twila Cook, on behalf of the Recreation Committee, had a request regarding a bank issue they are having. The Recreation Committee will be writing several checks to buy materials for the nature park they are building on High Street near the rail trail. With their current bank account, it will cost \$8 for each check written. In order to save this cost, they would like to have the town write the checks out of town accounts and reimburse the town for the funds used. The Board felt that this was not a viable alternative and perhaps they could move the funds to a bank that would not charge the fees. Lyn will contact Twila to discuss.

HIGHWAY

- NHMA legal services sent an opinion that budget law would not allow the town to trade old equipment to Reed Truck services in exchange for vehicle repair. Karen will double check with town counsel to see if he agrees with that assessment. Road Agent Cornell was not happy with that result. He was told by Scott Reed that all the towns do it all the time. He questioned how the town will pay the repair bill for the vehicles currently in the shop. He asked if a special town meeting could be convened. Jim stated that that would require permission from the superior court judge. Cornell stated that he is doing what he feels is in the best interest of the tax payers and getting nowhere. Jim told him that a lot of people in town appreciate the work he is doing. A debate ensued about what to do with the junk equipment at the garage. Jessica asked if it could be auctioned in the fall with the real estate property or if an ad could be place in the Kearsarge Shopper to sell it. Whatever is done with it, the money will go into the general fund and cannot be used to offset equipment repairs. Road Agent Cornell stated that the Board could go forward and do whatever they want with the equipment but he wants it out of the town shed.
- Jeremy Cornell brought up the issue of the vacation policy. He would like the Board of Selectmen to consider making a change. He would like to see the town should change "2 weeks prior notice" prior to taking vacation to "adequate notice". The Board will take that under consideration and come up with more acceptable language.

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- There was an error made (not by the Road Agent) in switching over to premium(ethanol free)fuel for the town tank. The representative from Evans Fuel thought Danbury was in Grafton County where that type of fuel is allowed. Merrimack County does not allow the sale of ethanol free fuel. The gas in the tanks will have to be used up and then refilled with the regular gas. Road Agent Cornell is disappointed about this because the trucks and equipment using the premium fuels have been operating better. Jim stated that the fuel in the tank does not get used fast enough which causes issues. A solution would be to buy the fuel locally at retail and apply to get the taxes paid returned at the end of the year.
- The Road Agent is waiting on paving quotes.

SELECTMEN ITEMS

- Jim received notice that our state representative, Ann Copp, resigned from the position.
- A letter had previously been sent to the owner of 409-057 on US Route 4 regarding a camper that appeared to have people living in it. Karen received a call from the owner of the camper(who is not the property owner) stating that no one is living there. It was brought to the Board's attention that the camper is being advertised as a "tiny house" for rent. Another letter will be sent stating that the camper cannot be used for residential purposes.
- A complaint was received about a property on Hemlock Lane that has had 3 campers, a snowmobile and other various things deposited on it. A letter will be sent to the owner.

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- Karen noted that following the regular Selectmen meeting schedule, the next meeting would fall on July 4. Board members decided to meet next on June 26, Tuesday.

Karen left the meeting.

At 7:40 pm Lyn made a motion to go into 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.

Motion was seconded by Jessica. Jim - Yes, Lyn - Yes, Jessica - Yes

At 7:55, the Board came out of non public session.

FYI

- Correspondence sent - Brough, Velluci
- Copy of NH DES letter to Douglas Colby re non compliance with administrative order of 1/18/2018
- Copy of NH DES letter to Turnkey Landfill
- Copy letter to Doug Colby re food truck inspection
- May property sales
- Letter from Red Cross requesting payment of appropriation ☺
- Road Inventory Form sent - Currier Rd??
- Newspaper article re school default budget
- NRRRA email

At 7:55 Jim made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant