

TOWN OF DANBURY - Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 16, 2019 6:00 pm

Members Present: James Phelps
Lyn England
Administrative Assistant Karen Padgett
Not present Jessica Hatch
Appointments 6:00 Roy Boyer, Waste Management

Jim Phelps opened the meeting at 6pm

Checks/Applications/Signatures

- **Payroll and accounts payable** were signed.
- Jim motioned to accept the **minutes of 10/2** with a typographical correction on the notes from the New Canada Road turnout section. Motion seconded by Lyn. Motion passed 2-0.
- **Building Permits -**
 - 37-2019B Mancini 408-054 37 Danbury Woods Rd - 28x28 garage** Jim motioned to approve, Lyn second. All in favor.
 - 38-2019B Lindblom/Morgan 416-034 Deckmans Rd - new 40 x 40 home.** Jim motioned to approve, Lyn second, all in favor.
 - 39-2019B Myers 201-038 135 School Pond Rd - wrap around porch
 - 40-2019B Polizzi 406-195 77 Brad Chase Rd - repair barn foundation .** Jim motioned to approve, Lyn second, all in favor.
 - 41-2019B S Danbury Church 415-042 1411 US Route 4 - portable shed 8 x 12.** Jim motioned to approve, Lyn second, all in favor.
- **42-2019B Ragged Mt Resort 416-064-002** Plowman Rd - temporary zip line. Jim motioned to approve, Lyn second. Passed 2-0
- **Driveway Permit - Gerrior 415-030 256 New Canada Rd -** Road agent has not seen yet. Jim motioned to approve subject to Road Agent approval, seconded by Lyn. Passed 2-0.
- **Purchase order for the Fire Department** for \$810.00 reimburse Sam McClory for Fire Fighter 1 course. Jim motioned to approve, seconded by Lyn. Passed 2-0.
- **Purchase order for the Highway Department** for cutting blades \$1679.23/Petes Tire \$1721.00 Jim motioned to approve, seconded by Lyn. Passed 2-0.
- Vet credit application LIGON 415-080 Jim motioned to approve, seconded by Lyn. Passed 2-0.

Highway -

- Repairs and a 2500 hour major service to were completed on the backhoe. The cost was \$1232.47.

Old Business:

- No further information has been received on the New Canada Rd turnaround negotiations.
- No action was taken on the document submitted by the town attorney regarding building permit violations at Dick's Store.
- The town received insurance payment from Primex for the garage fire in the amount of \$53,316.35 contents for building contents. Karen and Road Agent Cornell are working toward a completion of the building contents accounting. The total insurance money received to date is \$359,691.68.
- No action was taken on the building permit revision.

New Business:

- 2020 Health Trust insurance rates are up 7.1%. The new rate is \$822.34 up from \$765.68 this year. There is another option available for \$770.22 that is similar with a \$5 increase in the co pay for a doctor visit, while urgent care and ER co pays would decrease. They are currently 4 employees are the insurance plan, with another eligible but opting out.
- The Tax Collector requested an abatement for an error in entering the land use change tax. Karen is not sure if an official abatement is needed as it seems to be an internal error. A corrected LUCT warrant was signed at the previous meeting. Jim motioned to approve the abatement to correct the error. Seconded by Lyn. Motion passed 2-0.
- Equalization sales from 10/1/18 - 9/30/19 were reviewed. Jim motioned to approve the assessment data certificate, seconded by Lyn. Motioned passed and document was signed.

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- There is a NH DOT Bridge replacement project over the Smith River on US Route 4 scheduled for 2022. The Board would like DOT to present the project at a Selectmen's meeting before the Public Informational meeting in early 2020.

FYI/REVIEW

- Scrap metal check received from NRRA
- Quarterly New Hampshire Employment Security wage reports completed
- 941 Quarterly tax return completed
- Andover bar Harbor looking for blood drive volunteers
- Holderness public hearing for cell tower installation

At 7:07 pm Lyn made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned. The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be Wednesday, November 6.

Respectfully submitted Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant

Roy Boyer, of Waste Management

The 5 year contract with Waste Management expires at the end of 2019. Mr. Boyer came in to present the Waste Management proposal for a 5 year contract renewal.

There are only two landfills in New Hampshire. The WM landfill in Rochester has been approved for an expansion which should keep it operational for an additional 15 to 20 years. The other landfill in Bethlehem did not get approved for expansion. This will create a situation where there will be more waste than there are outlets for it. A lot of landfills and incinerators are at capacity. Some towns are forced to put the waste on rail and ship it to Ohio. The cost of disposal per ton might be less, but the transportation costs raise the price to \$150/ton. The city of Boston, the largest trash generator in the area, just signed a contract for \$95/ton.

The contract proposal for the next five years begins at \$85 for the first year (up from \$73.17) for MSW and hauling fees will decrease from \$269.01 to \$250.

Waste Management also provided a bid to do the town recycling and it would be single stream, meaning all recycling would go in an open top container with a cover on it so the cardboard doesn't get wet. The recyclables are taken to Laconia to be joined with other towns' recyclables and then taken to the Waste Management single stream materials recovery facility or MRF in Massachusetts. This is a facility that sorts the recyclables. They use a combination of equipment and manual labor to separate materials for shipment to downstream recyclers for market. Waste Management has a commitment not to put any recyclables into a landfill. Currently Naughton picks up the recyclables in a tandem haul for \$475/haul. They are not weighed because there is no scale at the White River Junction facility where they are taken. Several years ago, 3 hauls were weighed and an average taken. That weight is what is used for billing purposes. Waste Management would weigh every load.

It's more expensive per ton to dispose of recyclables than trash right now. There are some domestic mills that will be opening up in the United States and the market for paper/cardboard should increase with a more competitive environment. In New Hampshire, recycling is not mandatory.

Demolition material is more costly now than it used to be because it cannot go to an incinerator and it does not compact well in the landfill. They take the demo material to a wood recycler who pull what they can recycle and the remainder goes back in a container that can be land filled or burned. It's the handling costs that have created additional costs for C & D material.

A maintenance fee of \$40 / month is charged. They come out twice a year for maintenance on the compactor.

The Board thanked Mr. Boyer for coming in to meet with them.