

TOWN OF DANBURY - Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 13, 2019 6:00 pm

Members Present: Jessica Hatch, Chair
James Phelps

Administrative Assistant Karen Padgett
Not Present Lyn England

Jessica Hatch opened the meeting at 6:15pm.

Checks/Applications/Signatures

- **Payroll and accounts payable** were signed.
- Building permits
49--2019B Haley 23 Roy Ford Rd 415-06 for a 16' x 16' shed. Jim motioned to approve, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed 2-0
- **Intent to Cut 411-063-001** Seaward Dr for Conner. Motion made by Jessica to approve the intent to cut, seconded by Jim. Motion carried 2-0.
- Intent to Cut 412-090 for Roche on Barker Rd. Motion made by Jessica to approve the intent to cut, seconded by Jim. Motion carried 2-0.

Highway

Jim made a motion to approve a cell phone for the Highway Department, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed 2-0.

Sand availability for the public was discussed. Last year because of the highway garage fire, sand was placed on North Rd near the Transfer Station. The consensus is that a lot of people took advantage of it by loading pick up trucks with sand for commercial use. There is no obligation or responsibility for the town to provide public sand. Many towns allow only two 5 gallon buckets to be filled. The Board will come up with a policy for sand that can be posted and enforced. One possible location for the sand is the transfer station. The limited hours would mean people will have to plan ahead. Jim and Jessica agreed that a gate similar to the one at the highway garage is needed. Karen will contact Andover Fence to have them install a fence.

Old Business:

- A third bid came in for the solid waste contract from Casella. Waste Management offered the best pricing of the three bids received. Jim made a motion to renew the contract with Waste Management for 5 years. Motion was seconded by Jessica and passed 2-0.
- Jim motioned to renew the current health care plan with HealthTrust for the 2020 year. Motion was seconded by Jessica and passed 2-0.
- The excess proceeds from the sale of 118 Waukeena Lake Rd will be sent certified to the address on file.
- Jessica received a response by note from Ann Bowes stating that if she called the police every time the neighbors' dogs bark, she would have to install a separate phone line and keep it open to the police all day, every day. It was stated that she need only call the police once , but while the dogs are barking.

Broadband Committee

Jessica reported that the Broadband Committee is moving forward in an attempt to get bonding for a public/private partnership to cover the entire town with high speed internet access. Only 9 % of the town meets the federal standard for internet speed. They have spoken with a bond counsel, who would ensure all steps are followed legally to obtain the bond. The bond counsel fee will not exceed \$3,000. Jessica asked if there is enough time to get this on the ballot for March. A bond vote needs to pass by 60% of the voters. Jim's feeling is that there isn't enough time to build the support needed for that type of bond.

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Jim and Jessica decided that the Request for Proposal drafted by the Broadband Committee should be reviewed by the town attorney.

Budget Review

The Board reviewed budget requests that have been submitted and proposed budget items that are within the Board of Selectmen's purview. A new computer will be needed for the Selectmen's office along with updated software. Elections will increase as there are 5 elections next year. The Board will be scheduling meetings with highway, fire and police department heads in the near future to review their budgets.

FYI/REVIEW

- Information compiled from Joe Chivell TA of Rumney for like sized towns
- Karen will be attending a Block Grant workshop 11/21 10-11:30 in Concord - free

At 8:22 Jim motioned to adjourn, seconded by Jessica. Meeting adjourned.
The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be November 20 at 6pm