

TOWN OF DANBURY - Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 6, 2019 6:00 pm

Members Present: Jessica Hatch, Chair
 Lyn England
 James Phelps

Administrative Assistant Karen Padgett
Appointments Jeremy Cornell - no time set

Jessica Hatch opened the meeting at 6pm.

Checks/Applications/Signatures

- **Payroll and accounts payable** were signed.
- Jim motioned to approve the meeting minutes from 10/16 as amended, seconded by Lyn. Motion passed 2-0 with Jessica abstaining as she was not at the meeting. Jim motioned to accept the minutes of 10/29, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed 2-0 with Lyn abstaining as she was not at the meeting.
- Building permits
 - 44--2019B Berliner 413-022** 408 Walker Brook Rd for various improvements. Jim motioned to approve, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed 3-0
 - 45 -2019B Lambert 201-104** Courtland Drive for a new 24 x 28 home. Jim motioned to approve, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed 3-0.
 - 46-2019B Friedlaender 201-104** 22 Sheldon Rd to replace window, decking and build new a porch. Jim motioned to approve, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed 3-0
 - 47-2019B RM Management & Operations** for a smart flower solar panel installation. Jim motioned to approve, seconded by Lyn. Motion passed 3-0.
 - 48-2019B James Phelps 201-113 105 NH Route 104** for renovations, changing the building to two 1 bedroom apartments , one 2 bedroom apartment and finishing the 1 bedroom apartment over the garage. Jessica motioned to approve the building permit, seconded by Lyn. Motion passed 2-0 with Jim abstaining from the vote.
- **Intent to Cut 411-063-001** Seaward Dr for Conner. Motion made by Jim to approve the intent to cut, seconded by Jessica. Motion carried 3-0.
- Intent to Cut 408-046 Hoyt Brook Rd - Allard. Motion made by Jim to approve the intent to cut, seconded by Lyn. Motion carried 3-0.
- Jim motioned to approve a purchase order for the Fire Department in the amount of \$4,000 for 2 sets of turnout gear and another purchase order for \$1,000 for 2 pagers. Motion was seconded by Lyn and passed 3-0.
- Jim motioned to signed the used waste oil grant application, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed unanimously.
- Road encroachment permit was presented for 32 Wiggin Rd to bury the power lines across the road. Jessica motioned to approve the permit, seconded by Lyn. Motion passed 2-0 with Jim abstaining from the vote.

Highway

Road Agent Cornell reported that the trucks are ready for winter, the plows and wings have been painted. The crew has been replacing culverts, ditching and doing brush removal. The chipper has been working out well. He asked if the 2 entry doors at the garage could be replaced. The Board asked for a quote. Also, he's made arrangements for the waste oil furnace pipe to be fastened down with a bracket. He would like to purchase a storage container. The one from Pac-Van is a rental. He would like the town to pay for a cell phone for him. During the recent storm he received over 100 calls on his personal cell phone about trees down. He got a quote for a phone that would cost \$600 per year (\$39.99 per month) with a free phone. The grader has been having issues for awhile overheating. He got a quote for the motor work and head gasket repair from John Deere of \$6,000. Jim made a motion to approve a purchase order to repair the grader in the amount of \$6,000, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed unanimously. Taylor Hill Rd will be closed on Friday for culvert replacement.

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Old Business:

- The building permit submitted by Michael Myers of 135 School Pond Rd was discussed. The plan indicated that the new deck is 35 feet from the road. Jim went to measure and it does not meet the setback. The porch has already been built. Mr. Myers had submitted a building permit in 2016 which was denied. He was told at that time that the setbacks did not meet the minimum requirement and if he wished to proceed he would need a special exception from the ZBA. The deck was built this year and permit applied for after the fact. Jim motioned to send a letter denying the building permit. Motion was seconded by Lyn. Motion passed 3-0. The Board will reconsider if he can prove through a survey that the setbacks are being met or if he obtains a variance from the ZBA.
- The renewal of the solid waste contract was discussed. Two bids have been received, and another is expected. Jessica reported that Jim Larkin is against Naughton having the contract and is not in favor of single stream recycling. The Board will make a final decision once all bids have been received.
- The town's advisor from HealthTrust advised the Board that the town cannot force an employee off town health insurance. Because we are in a self insured risk pool, for this purpose(not for 1095 reporting purposes) the town is considered a "large employer". The rates for the current plan have increased 7.4%. Other plans are being considered by the Board.
- Proceeds from the auction of tax deeded property totaled \$77,000. All sales have been closed. The Town will issue check to the former owner of 118 Waukeena Lake Rd for \$38,322.53 for what is surplus to the amount owed the town for back taxes, interest and penalties. The net proceeds of the auction will be \$38,677.47. The account with NH Electric Coop for 29 Lilac Lane property has been switched over to the new owner.
- When asked about the possibility of selling the property at 32 Dean Rd by using a realtor, town counsel advised that there must be a vote of town meeting to authorize Selectmen to sell property in a manner other than public auction or sealed bid. Karen will check with JSJ Auctions to see if they will auction only 1 property. Another option is an online auction.
- New Canada Rd turnaround - nothing from Bart on this yet. There is a possibility of asking the owners of 415-021 for a turnaround easement. Also, Colin Brown is going to investigate the road layout.
- Jessica made a motion to move forward with legal proceedings regarding Doug Colby's property at 717 US Route 4. He is required to go through site plan review for the changes being made to the property and has not done so. After discussion, motion was seconded by Lyn. Motion passed 3-0.

New Business:

- Jim made a motion to approve the following request for funds from the Trustees of the Trust Funds:

1. Bridge Capital Reserve Fund	\$63.48
2. Fire Hydrant Capital Reserve Fund	\$240.00
3. Government Building Capital Reserve Fund	\$1650.00
4. Cemetery Trust	\$1000.00

The motion was seconded by Lyn and passed 3-0.

- A phone call and an email were received regarding heavy truck through traffic on Wiggin Road. The Board discussed the possibility of posting the road "No Thru Trucking" or putting a load limit on the road. It was agreed that a public hearing will be held before making a decision. The public hearing will be on 11/20 at 7pm.
- The Town Hall furnace did not pass boiler inspection. A new valve and discharge pipe were installed by Nick's Plumbing and pictures of the repairs sent to inspector. The permit has been authorized. Repairs were also done to the Community Center furnace. Kendra feels new furnaces are needed. Karen spoke with the repairman, John from Nick's Plumbing and Heating who did the repair work. He said furnaces are fine.
- Karen received a call and an email from Joseph Haas of Gilmanton suggesting that the Board contact NH Department of Revenue asking for \$0 school tax rate because according to Mr. Haas, having the town do the billing and collecting for local education is unconstitutional and paying for education is the state's responsibility.
- A request to present a briefing on the 2020 census from Mark Vattes was received. The Board took no action.
- There will be a meeting in New Hampton on 11/18/19 from 11:30 - 1:00 to discuss the possibility of establishing a regional resource health officer. Both Jessica and Lyn are interested in attending.

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Selectmen Items

Jim wonders if the Board should consider approaching the owner of the land adjacent to the highway garage about the possibility of purchasing it. He feels it is mostly wetlands and not readily accessible because you'd have to cross the wetlands to get to it. The land that abuts the highway garage is usable.

Ragged Mountain was not able to use any of the sites proposed for the zip line because of the steep grade. They will submit a new map showing where the zip line was set up.

Jessica received a note from Ann Bowes regarding their neighbor's dogs barking. Jessica will remind her that they should call the police - when they hear the dogs barking.

She would like to have a letter sent to John Taylor asking him to discontinue the practice of parking vehicles in the common at the intersection of Bohonon and Taylor Hill Road. It is a safety hazard because the cars are obstructing the view of oncoming traffic.

The former church on High Street continues to get tax exempt status. Jessica feels this is inappropriate because no services have been held for over a year.

She got the name of a contractor who might be able to repair the steeple at the Danbury Community Center. Karen will contact JMAC Professional Painting Company to get a quote.

FYI/REVIEW

- Municipal aid received \$17,946.93/ Also highway block grant \$47,741.02
- Town has been reimbursed for Animal Control expenses in the amount of \$345.69
- Monthly property sales
- NHMA Conference
- Walter bereavement leave 11/7 and 11/8
- Letter from State regarding participation in National Flood Insurance Program
- NHDES notice of receipt of Alteration of Terrain Permit 418-029 Phelps
- Mid State Health annual meeting 11/19 5:30pm Plymouth

Lyn motioned to adjourn, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be November 13 at 6pm