

Town of Danbury
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
January 20, 2021 6:00 PM

Meeting was opened at 6:15pm

Present:

Jessica Hatch, Chairman /Lyn England, Selectman/James Phelps, Selectman
Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant
Jeremy Cornell, Road Agent
Jason and Michelle Potter

Checks/Applications/Signatures

- Payroll(\$8442.59) and accounts payable(\$133,27839) were signed.
- Jim motioned to approve the minutes of 1/6 seconded by Lyn. Minutes approved 2-0 as Jessica was not present at that meeting.
- December checking account reconciliation was signed.
- A form for the Hazard Mitigation Plan Grant which extends the submission deadline for the plan from January 30, 2021 to July 30, 2021 was signed, with Jim motioning to approve, seconded by Lyn. Motion passed unanimously.
- Home Occupation application – Alison Ordway 20 Walker Brook Rd 415-061/ Hair Salon – Jim motioned to approve the application, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed unanimously.

Land Use Change Tax

1. Wallan – Forbes Mountain Rd/04-002 and 404-004 – this is paperwork for the registry only. No LUCT assessed per the recommendation of Cindy Perkins, CNP Appraisal.
2. Suckling – 26 Reed Hill Rd 416-019 \$3,650

Jim motioned to approve and sign all the land use change taxes as listed, seconded by Lyn. All in favor.

Building /Driveway Permit Applications

- 01-2021B** Clarke Eagle Pond Rd 418-020-002/Placement of mobile home/Driveway Permit for same.
Lyn motioned to approve the applications for building and driveway, seconded by Jim.
Motion passed 3-0.

Driveway permit application /Jason Potter for Railroad Drive. Mr. and Mrs. Potter were in to discuss this with the Board. They are in the process of purchasing property at the end of Railroad Drive and requested a letter stating that once the property has transferred a driveway permit could be issued. The Board was given information from Bob Talon of NH DOT indicating that the right of way in that area is under town jurisdiction.

Jim asked the Potters if they would be agreeable to granting a permanent easement to the Town allowing space for the Highway Department plow trucks to turn around. Mr. Potter stated they would have no problem with that.

Road Agent Jeremy Cornell

Cornell had several issues to discuss.

1. There are 2 roads with items in the right of way that make it difficult for the plow truck to turn around: Huntoon Farm Road and Railroad Drive. The Road Agent will send letters to the property owners involved.
2. There was an issue with the plowing of Chellis Drive not being done according to the 2004 agreement with the property owner. After a meeting with the property owner, Cornell resolved the issue for now.
3. There is serious damage to the frame of the 2015 truck from the 12/17 snowstorm accident. Primex insurance has been notified.
4. Quotes for a new truck were reviewed. Current lead time is 15-18 months. If the chassis/body is ordered now, the truck will be on the road in 2021. If the warrant article does not pass, the town is not obligated. Jim will review the specs of the truck and circle back to the Road Agent.

5. Several property owners are plowing snow across the road, contrary to the snow ordinance. The Road Agent will write letters and if it continues, Selectmen will follow up.
6. Also, during the December 17 storm, a driver from Clarke & Company hit the Frazier Rd bridge causing substantial damage.
7. There is \$7200 of damage to the guard rail on Eastern District Road from the recent fatal accident.

At 7:19 Jim motioned to enter nonpublic session per RSA 9-A:3,II c

Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any applications for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.

Motion seconded by Jessica and all were in favor.

At 7:47 Jim motioned to come out of nonpublic session, seconded by Lyn and passed unanimously. Motion was made by Lyn to seal the minutes, seconded by Jim. All in favor. No votes were taken, no decisions made.

Old Business:

- The New Canada Road easement was discussed. Karen will inform Dan Hudnut, the property owners' representative, that the town will proceed with the easement as written by our town attorney. The town will clean up the turnaround area once and install and maintain a rock barrier along the road edge to discourage dumping of trash over the embankment.
- The Board of Selectmen finalized the warrant articles for the 2021 town meeting.

New Business:

- Jim motioned to approve the First Point Power electricity contract. We had previously contracted through LRPC for aggregate pricing. They did not renew that effort. This contract pricing is for .06247 for 9 months then we can renew. Motion was seconded by Lyn and passed unanimously.
- The 1st deliberative session will be held as usual at the town hall on 2/4/21 7pm with masks required and social distanced seating.
- The Board reviewed the Town Clerk's list of openings for town office and made corrections as needed.

Selectmen Items:

- The yearly summary for the 2020 Annual Town Report needs to be written. Jessica and Jim will work on it.
- Jessica motioned to allow vacation time lost from 2020 to carry over into 2021 because of the COVID-19 virus. Motion seconded by Lyn and passed 30.
- The town will join NH Health Officers Association with an annual membership fee of \$45.

FYI/REVIEW

- Potter letter re building permit
- MSW/C&D tonnage for year
- Septic approval – Cleary 406-252 US Route 4
- COVID vaccine instructions group
- DPW COVID reporting online
- Primex notice regarding 1st report of injury late filing fine assessed by DOL

At 8:36pm Lyn motioned to adjourn, seconded by Jim. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant