

Town of Danbury

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

November 17, 2021 6:00 PM

Present: Selectmen Jessica Hatch, James Phelps, Tracy Shepard
Administrative Assistant Karen Padgett

Checks/Applications/Signatures)

- **Payroll & accounts payable** were signed.
- Jim motioned to adopt the meeting **minutes of 11/3**, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed 3-0.
- **Building Permit Applications**
 - **Austin et al/405-021/44 Taylor Hill Rd/18 x 40 Hoop House**/Jim motioned to approve, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed 3-0. Jim motioned to approve the building permit, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed 3-0.
 - **Bliss/201-099/ 7 Restful Rd/12x28 lean to add to garage**/Jessica motioned to approve, seconded by Jim. Motion passed 3-0.
 - **Larkin/411-082-004/48 Wiggin Rd/30x44 new home**/Jessica motioned to approve, seconded by Tracy. Motion passed 2-0, with Jim abstaining from the vote.
 - **Cook/201-069/77 Eastern District Rd/24x48 pole barn**/ Jessica motioned to approve, seconded by Tracy. Motion passed 3-0.
- **Driveway permit application**
 - **Stubbs/410-035/290 Taylor Hill Rd**/ Jim motioned to approve, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed 3-0.

Old Business

- Jim made a motion to sign the contract for ambulance services with the Town of Bristol Fire Department for July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023, for \$65,081.99. Motion was seconded by Jessica and passed 3-0.
- John LaVorgna will replace the leaking roof on the shed building at the Transfer Station using materials he has on hand. The total cost for the replacement is \$2,000.
- A date of December 1 was set to meet with the Chief of the Greenville/Temple Police Department, the Alexandria Board of Selectmen and Chief Suckling to gather more general information about the workings of a joint Police Department. Karen will check with the other participants to see if the date is agreeable.

Deborah Aylward

Ms. Aylward asked, for insurance purposes, if any board member, employee, or other public official authorized the Stoddards to conduct a retail sales operation on their lot involving drive bys, walk ins and over the counter sales from their garden shed. Under their home occupation approval, it says no over the counter retail sales and no over the counter walk ins or drive by traffic. As of November 8, they have all kinds of signs, flags, open signs, parking signs. According to Ms. Aylward, the problem is that you can't use a private road for business purposes. There is a problem with enticing members of the general public up Challenge Hill Road to engage in transactions with the Stoddards. Ms. Aylward contacted NH DOT regarding a sign that was down at the intersection of Challenge Hill Rd and US Route 4 and to tell them about the business operation that is occurring. Anyone could get creamed coming out of the intersection. There is "Ring Ling Brothers Circus on Challenge Hill Road that is affecting the residential nature of the neighborhood". They don't have exclusive use of the road. There is no premise liability insurance that the property owners further up the road can get, if someone hurts themselves, the property owners are screwed. Per Ms. Aylward, this is a big brouhaha. She believes the town has liability if they don't enforce the home occupation permit conditions that were imposed. She is asking the board to enforce the zoning ordinance under home occupation and that application and the terms of the application ASAP.

New Business

- Karen prepared some information regarding the tax rate for the Board's review. It will be put up on the website.

Selectmen Items:

The Board of Selectmen worked on the budget for 2022.

FYI/No action needed

- RSA 91-A response

At 7:31 Jessica motioned to adjourn, seconded by Tracy. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be December 1, 2021, 6pm, Danbury Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant

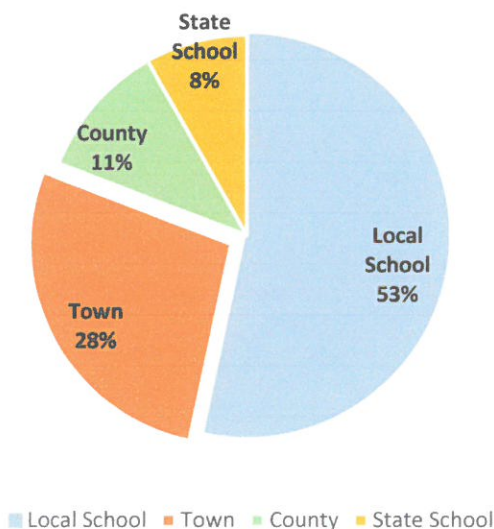
2021 TAX RATE

Property tax rates are set each fall by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration.

The 2021 tax rate has been set at \$18.00 per \$1000 of assessed value. This is \$6.00 lower than the 2020 tax rate of \$24.00 and is broken down as follows:

TOWN	\$4.96
COUNTY	\$1.98
LOCAL SCHOOL	\$9.59
STATE SCHOOL	\$1.47
TOTAL	\$18.00

2021 TAX APPORTIONMENTS



What factors into this tax rate? The property tax rate consists of four components: town, school, county, and the statewide property tax for education. Danbury's commitment for municipal, county, local education and state education is \$3.02 million up from \$2.68 million last year, an increase of 12.7%.

The town's overall assessed value increased from \$111,722,635 in 2020 to \$168,246,630 in 2021.

What can you do?

Become informed and involved to see what you, as a concerned citizen, can do to help hold down costs or assist in finding new revenue sources. Attend Budget Committee meetings and the public hearing on the budget to gather information. Come to the 1st Deliberative Session of the Annual Town Meeting, usually held in the 1st week of February. This is an opportunity to make changes to the budget.

Review your property record card

Review your property record card(s) for data accuracy. The assessed value is only as good as the accuracy of the data on the card.

Request your property record card by calling (603)768-3313 or email danbury_selectmen@comcast.net