

Town of Danbury

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

April 7, 2021 6:00 PM

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

Road Agent Cornell

The Board of Selectmen met on 4/3 with property owners Jason and Michelle Potter(412-054) and Greg and Jamie Ardine (201-134) on Railroad Drive to look at the roadway. Information from the State of NH Archives, recorded in 1869, shows that roadway was laid out 3 rods(approximately 50') wide.

The town right of way extends beyond the town-maintained portion of the road. The town will not bring the portion of the road beyond the town-maintained section up to town standards, but if the Potters do so, the town may consider taking over maintenance of the road. If that happens, then the Potters may grant the town a permanent easement for a turnaround spot.

Checks/Applications/Signatures

- Payroll and accounts payable were signed.
- Jessica motioned to approve the **minutes of 3/31**, with amendments for typographical errors, seconded by Jim. Minutes approved 3-0.
- Jim motioned to approve a **timber tax bill** for operation 20-111-01-T/Lambrech in the amount of \$16.58. Motion seconded by Jessica and passed 3-0.
- Jim motioned to sign the notice of **Intent to Cut** for Greatwoods LLC on 412-076/Currier Road. Motion was seconded by Jessica and passed 3-0.
- Jim motioned to sign the Pemi Baker Solid Waste District representative authorization form appointing Jim Larkin and Mike Maines as the towns' representatives, seconded by Tracy. Motion passed 3-0 and document was signed.

Driveway Permit Applications

- **Driveway Permit Application** - Potter /Railroad Drive/412-054. Jim motioned to sign the driveway permit, seconded by Tracy. Motion passed unanimously. The Potters will sign a road waiver liability form when they submit their building permit application. The Potters were present at the meeting and submitted the driveway permit application.
- **Driveway Permit Application** – Ford-Taylor 410-051 on Eastern District Road. Jessica motioned to approve, seconded by Tracy. Motion passed 2-0, with Jim Phelps recusing himself from the vote.

Old Business:

- The Town received only 1 bid for the town owned property at 79 Ragged Mountain Road. Jessica motioned to accept the bid of \$2500 from Stanley and Samantha Phelps, seconded by Tracy. Motion passed 2-0 with Jim recusing himself from the vote. The lot was offered to abutters on the condition that the substandard .12-acre lot be merged into the abutting property and the building demolished.
- There was a change in the price of the **transfer station container**, that was discussed at the deliberative session, due to an increase in steel prices. The original quote was from February 2020. The new price is \$10,150 and the NH the Beautiful grant will pay \$2,030 leaving a balance \$8,120. The Board discussed the price increase and felt it was not a good use of taxpayer funds to purchase the container.
- Jessica made a motion to approve the "Winter Operations Snow Removal and Ice Control Guidelines drafted by Road Agent Cornell. Motion was seconded by Jim and passed unanimously.
- The **tax collector's deed** for the property at **714 Waukeena Lake Rd** has been recorded. The previous owner will be up in the spring to collect her belongings. Jim will go and look at the property to see if anything needs to be done by the town to secure the property. Karen will check with the former owner to see when she will be coming for her belongings.

Road Agent Cornell

- A new light has been installed at the Highway garage.
- He has received 1 paving quote and is waiting on others.
- He is getting quotes for bridge replacement on Walker Brook Rd.
- Requested action on the winter road maintenance guidelines(see old business)

Mary Brady/Wayne Rand

Mary Baker of Dean Road came in to discuss the Cottage Industry application of a neighbor on Dean Road. They questioned how the neighbor had even gotten a home occupation permit from the Board of Selectmen. Jim explained the home occupation/cottage industry process. He stated the permit was given in good faith and followed the guidelines that are in place.

They had various complaints about their neighbor and the business. Overall, they expressed displeasure that a home occupation permit was ever issued to the business.

Jim said that this is currently in the hands of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Selectmen are not taking a position on the issue. He asked them to think about where they could come up with some middle ground or and see if their neighbor is willing to make some concessions with regards to lighting and noise abatement.

New Business:

- The Board received an email inquiry from Mike of Loco Sports to determine if any permits are needed to do a 100-mile relay race through Danbury. The race will begin in Lebanon, run on the rail trail through Franklin, come back up over Murray Hill Rd, out Taylor Hill to Bohonon to Wild Meadow to Grafton. The runners will be spread over a 4-hour period, no roads will need to be closed. Since it is a relay, it won't be a big cluster of runners. Jessica motioned to allow the race provided that LOCO sports place signage with advance notice of the race on the roadways at least 1 week in advance. Motion seconded by Jim and passed unanimously.

FYI/REVIEW

- March property sales
- Tax Collector notice to Board of Tax and Land Appeals

At 7:50 Jim motioned to go into non-public session per

RSA 91-A:3, II (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a public meeting, and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.

Motion was seconded by Jessica and passed 3-0.

At 9:00 Jessica motioned to come out of non-public session, seconded by Jim. Motion passed 3-0.

Jessica made a motion to approve the employee rates of pay, seconded by Jim with the motion passing unanimously.

At 9:01 pm Jessica motioned to adjourn, seconded by Jim. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant