

Town of Danbury
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
May 5, 2021 6:00 PM

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

Chief Suckling 6:00

Road Agent Cornell 6:30

Others present: Evelyn Pagella, Mary Brady, Lorraine Campofiori

Checks/Applications/Signatures

- **Payroll and accounts payable** were signed.
- Jim motioned to approve the **minutes of 4/21**, seconded by Jessica. Minutes approved 3-0.
- April bank reconciliations were signed.
- A declaration of right to inter was signed for Richard and Sylvia Hill for 4 plots in Riverdale Cemetery.
- Supplemental property tax warrant - \$2907.58

Building Permit Applications

11-2021B HONEYCUTT 415-001-001, 236 Wiggin Rd /2 Bedroom Home. Jessica motioned to approve pending electrician and plumber information being provided, seconded by Tracy. Motion passed 2-0 with Jim recusing himself from the vote.

12-2021B HOLLENBECK 201-115/ 100 NH Route 104/40x40 auto repair garage. Jessica motioned to approve pending the transfer of the property, seconded by Tracy. Motion passed 2-0 with Jim recusing himself from the vote.

13-2021B DESMARAIS/MARGENAU 408-047 46 Hoyt Brook Rd 8x10 storage shed/Jim motioned to approve, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed 3-0.

14-2021B POLIZZI 406-195-001 25 Quiet Woods Trail/Addition of Garage & Family Room/ Jim motioned to approve, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed 3-0.

Old Business:

- Dean Road/ recap meeting with Karl Hannan
- No response has been received from the property owner on Ford Mill Road who has placed a tent platform on the property line with the abutter. A certified letter will be sent to the property owner stating that the platform needs to be removed.
- The owners of Red Barn Inn responded to the letter stating that site plan review may be needed in order to have a fitness business in the building. They will be reaching out to the Planning Board for more information.
- A response was received from NH Municipal Association regarding zoning ordinance interpretation. The Board of Selectmen interpret and enforce the zoning ordinance.
- More information is needed before asking Consolidated Communications to move the telephone pole on New Canada Road.

New Business:

- A question was received from a potential buyer of property on Danbury Woods Road about a horse training/boarding business. The LUZO was reviewed and it was determined that this is an agricultural use and is allowable.
- Cindy of the assessing contractor CNP, would like a statement added to building permit application granting Selectmen/assessors access to property. The Board ok'd this addition to the building permit.
- AT&T sent a request for assessment information. The conduit running along the rail may be taxable and Karen forwarded the information to utility appraiser, Brian Fogg. Jim thinks that perhaps an agreement was made with the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail regarding the assessment of this conduit.
- Currently only 2.43% of 2020 property tax is outstanding. Tax bills will be set to print next week.

Police Chief David Suckling

The Chief was present at the request of the Board of Selectmen to begin the conversation about the hiring of a police chief. He discussed the possibility of a combined police department with Alexandria. The towns of

Temple/Greenville have a combined police department. He is in the process of preparing a draft budget and then arranging a meeting of the Select boards from both towns.

He suggested that a job description is the first step for the Board to begin the hiring process for a part time police chief. His feeling is that a full-time chief is needed in this town.

Road Agent Cornell

- Two bids for the **bridge replacement on upper Walker Brook Road** were reviewed, one from Hansen and the other from M.A.Bean Associates. The two different designs were discussed along with the cost of each. The Road Agent prefers the design from Hansen and it costs less. Jim feels that the quote does not give the detail needed and asked Cornell to find out the size of the footings, the I-beams and the abutments.

The Board of Selectmen met with Karl Hannan and Brook Dupee of HMC at the property location on Dean Road. The meeting lasted approximately one hour. They asked the questions that were formulated by the concerned neighbors who attended the Selectmen's meeting of 4/21.

1. Currently, how many employees work there? 7 full time, 1 part time
2. What are the plans for a helicopter? No helicopter has been ordered. He may someday, but not now. Jim stated that there is nothing up there that resembles a helicopter pad. The roof of the new garage will be a peaked roof, that is not feasible for landing a helicopter.
3. Are they planning night deliveries? No, the latest deliveries are 5:30pm
4. Do they have a license to shoot automatic weapons? No. They do not shoot automatic weapons. They shoot once a year, the weekend after 4th of July.
5. Is there any hazardous waste? They recycle their waste oil; all scrap metal goes for recycling as well.
6. What is in the storage lockers? Mr. Hannan opened the containers for the Selectmen. There are tools, tires, building materials, motorcycle wheels.
7. What is the new garage for? It is for his personal vehicles because the machine shop has taken over the space in the main building.
8. Does he live in the apartment? Yes, the Board saw the apartment, and it is apparent that he lives there.

Mr. Hannan purchased a decibel meter and measure noise outside between 45 and 55 decibels. Ms. Pagella stated that the noise issue has been taken care of and has been addressed.

Ms. Campofiori asked if he can get a helicopter in the future. Jim Phelps stated that the Town of Danbury does not have any jurisdiction over helicopters. The Land Use and Zoning Ordinance only addresses airports.

Ms. Pagella expressed concerned about expanding the business into the garage which is supposed to be for his own personal use. How will the town ensure that he does not move more equipment into the garage? Jessica invited the attendees to come back to the Board with any concerns that they have.

When they met, Mr. Hannan told the Board members that if he were to expand any more, he will need a facility with 3 phase power, which is not available at his place on Dean Road.

Evelyn Pagella thanked the Board for taking their concerns seriously.

Fire Chief Martin

The appointment of a Fire Commissioner was discussed. He has a couple of candidates in mind for the position.

Jason Warn has resigned as a captain on the Fire Department.

Selectmen Items:

Jim – the next steps need to be taken to clear the title the town owned property on Dean Road. Karen is unclear about this process.

Tracy will be setting up the Safety Committee meetings. It was determined that Monday is a good day to have the meetings during work hours. He also has concerns about the emergency helicopter landing pad at the Transfer Station being quite sandy and suggested paving the area. Jim said an area that size(50' square) would cost about \$40,000.

The Board reviewed some of the provisions that will affect town clerks if the voting rights bill passes US Senate. It will be very costly to the towns and Jim will compose a letter in opposition to the bill.

At 8:33 Jessica motioned to go into nonpublic session per

RSA 91-A:3, II(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an openmeeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement orwaiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.

Motion was seconded by Jim and passed unanimously.

At 8:45 Jim motioned to come out of nonpublic, seconded by Tracy. Motion passed unanimously.

No decisions were made, no votes taken.

At 8:55 Jessica motioned to adjourn, seconded by Jim. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned.

FYI/No action needed

- Septic approvals – Alexander-Hoyt Brook Rd/Colby 717 US Route 4
- Dialing change notice
- State Driveway permit applications /Danbury Store and Post office
- Some provisions that will affect town clerks if voting rights bill passes US Senate
- State to replace guard rails – asking for town concern to impacts on wetlands, historic properties and invasive plants

Respectfully submitted, Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant