

Town of Danbury

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday October 16, 2024, 6:00 PM

Members present: Ruby Hill, James Farmer, Jessica Hatch, Chair (7pm)
Also present, Maggi Fellows, Administrative Assistant, Chris Fore, Bristol Fire Chief Ben Laroche, Danbury Fire Chief Jeremy Martin, Bree & Cam Huntoon. Road Agent Cornell

Ruby Hill opened the meeting at 6:45pm

Chris Fore from Wiggin Rd, requests to meet with the Board re implementing a noise ordinance. Fore advised he has a neighbor that is using heavy equipment on abutting property in the evening hours sometimes as late as 10pm, fore would like information on how to get a Noise ordinance on Danbury. Ruby Hill advised she had been contacted frequently about this, more in reference to the increased frequency of fireworks and shooting, she believed there would be a lot of people to support it. Ruby advised most noise ordinances are nothing after 10 and nothing before 7. Ruby advised Fore, he should come to the next planning board meeting and talk about it, Ruby also advised Fore he could also do a petition warrant article to amend the land use zoning ordinance.

Consent/Signature Agenda

- Payroll and accounts payable
- Cathedral Ledge Distillery /Grange Winter Market / Retail/tasting Liquor License.
- Application for payment from trust, Bridge Capital Reserve Fund (\$50,000)
- 2023 Audit Report. *Reviewed, Ruby Hill asked that the page with the scribbling should be redone, as corrections are supposed to be a line through the item and initialed, not Scribbled. Ruby Hill made a motion to accept and sign all items in the Consent/Signature folder, with corrections to be made to the 2023 Audit, James Farmer seconded the motion, motion passed 2-0.*

Building Permit Applications

- 02-2024S Friends of the Northern Rail Trail, kiosk & Parking sign, High St Town Parking lot. *Ruby motioned to approve the sign/kiosk permit, seconded by James, Motion passed 3-0.*
- 39-2024B Wiswall, (409-70) 77 Oak Ridge Rd, Ground-mounted solar array. *Jessica motioned to approve the permit, seconded by James, Motion passed 3-0.*
- 40-2024B Marchand, (410-2) 197 Eastern District Rd, Roof-mounted solar array. *Ruby motioned to approve permit, seconded by James, Motion passed 3-0.*
- 38-2024B Amended Austin (201-067-000) 28 School Pond Rd. Additional storage containers. *Ruby motioned to approve the permit, seconded by James, Motion passed 3-0.*

Old Business

New Business

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Ruby advised she attended the September 25th School Board meeting, she advised the meeting was mostly about accepting a grant for the Newfound Coalition for youth, they also accepted the tuition agreement with the Pasquaney school district.

Jessica updated the board on the Dunlap Rd. drainage issue, she advised Ben Elder fixed the damaged culvert at the end of his driveway, he expects to get a mini excavator again sometime in November and he will install the other culvert .

Jessica updated on the Camper being used to live in at 284 Wild Meadow Rd. has been removed.

Jessica also advised to get a hold of Twilla, to do a Tax Anticipation Note, there was an increase in the school payment in June that was not anticipated, and the SAU has not completed their information to have a tax rate set, so we will need to get a TAN. Jessica requested a phone call to the SAU to see when they are expecting to complete their process.

Chief Kelby advised he had gotten a price quote for 2 refurbished AED of \$1760, The quote for a portable radio was \$3777, and a mobile unit was \$5535.30,

Kelby also advised he is working with the Merrimack County Sherriff's Department and the Danbury Elementary School to Introduce a LEAP program (similar to a DARE Program)

7:59pm Fire Chief Ben LaRoche, discussed the increase to the Ambulance Contract, he advised the Bristol Fire Department is increasing the cost of the Ambulance Contract for 2025 to approximately \$137,000, and for year 2026 the price would increase again to be approximately \$200,000. LaRoche advised their department is having to hire additional personnel to provide coverage to Bristol and the contract towns.

Road Agent Cornell, updated the board, the new Administrative Assistant is working out well,

Cornell also advised he is not able to get response from the Full-Time employees for after hour call back/emergency, Cornell has asked Tim Martin and Cam Huntoon to help if he needs it for an emergency, currently he has used Mike Maines.

Cornell advised the Walker Brook Bridge Project is coming together, he will be opening it to thru traffic after the bridge deck and approaches have been paved.

FYI

- Correspondence from Mitchell Municipal Group. *Reviewed, requested a copy be given to the Planning & Zoning Boards.*
- Report From DRA 2023 Cyclical Monitoring. *Reviewed, requested a copy be sent to Commerford Neider and Perkins (assessing).*
- DES Septic Operational approval, 208 Littlefield rd. *Reviewed.*
- Correspondence Office of Planning and Development, in reference to updated zoning info. *Reviewed.*

*At 8:49p Jessica Hatch motioned to go into **NON-Public Session, 91-A:3 (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the discipline of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.** Ruby Seconded the Motion, Motion passed 3-0.*

Jessica motioned to come out of NON-Public at 9:18p seconded by James Farmer; motion passed 3-0. No decisions made.

At 9:20pm Jessica motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ruby. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be held on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted, Maggi Fellows, Administrative Assistant