

Town of Danbury
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday May 15, 2024, 6:00 PM

Members present: Jessica Hatch, Chair, Ruby Hill, James Farmer
Also present, Maggi Fellows, Administrative Assistant

Echo Glenn Residents, Kelly Mulherin 23 hemlock lane
Melissa Suckling, Danbury Elementary School
Jeremy Cornell, Road Agent, Paving bid info, Garage Repair quotes, Sand Bids
Twila Cook, Treasurer, reference Town credit cards.

Chairperson Hatch opened the meeting at 6:03pm

Approval of meeting minutes 5/1/2024 , Jessica Hatch motioned to approve and sign, seconded by James Farmer. Motion passes 3-0.

Echo Glen residents, Speaker Kelly Mulherin, “ last Tuesday, May 7th, at a rental property on 19 Aspen, David Schroeder admitted that he fired a firearm at the property around 20 Hemlock, which is right across from my house. I was walking my dog on the other side. I came around Spruce on Hemlock and I saw he had a firearm, he put it in his jacket. I ran back and that's when I called state 911, state police. It was very, you know, scary and threatening that he's shooting off a weapon and he thought it was just a junk pile there.”

“We went to court on Monday, this past Monday, and the prosecutor is requesting a medical evaluation and that could take 45 days. The doctor's report can take 30 days after that, so he's looking about 75 days in jail right now. And he has a little outburst in court saying I'm going to lose my rental property. I'm going to lose my jewels, my gems, my \$17 million. And he had a badge with him, I guess, from what the prosecutor said. And he is trying to cut down on drugs in the neighborhood.”

“Back in 2022, a group of us submitted a letter to the selectmen with all of our concerns that we have with him, even back then was carrying a black rifle. He was feeding feral cats, playing loud music, bright lights. The selectmen said that a letter would be sent to the property landowner again asking to clean up the property. We are very concerned of his release. This is getting very dangerous. I live directly across the street. Last week we had to call the troopers and he was on his loudspeaker from 8:00 in the morning screaming into it for hours saying he's going to kill Trump, he's going to kill Trump's supporters, he's going to kill every Republic. He's always threatening to kill my dogs as well.”

Jessica Hatch advised, “all of those concerns we understand, and we greatly feel for your situation and your proximity to him. The Board of Selectmen has no jurisdiction over anything about a gun or anything like that. So that is something that I just asked Chief Kelby to come out here and listen to you, which I'm sure he is aware of everything that is going on there with this gentleman.”

“As for the trash in the yard, I rode out there probably about 3 weeks ago and I didn't think there appeared to be as much as there was when we had sent two other letters in the previous past.”

Chief Kelby advised, “in reference to the situation on Aspen Lane, the Selectboard can't do anything about that. It's a free country, he can bear arms. I did just get an update from the

Trooper that responded to that call and he's being held pending an emergency admission and they are seizing his firearms. But that is something that the Selectmen really had no control over that.”

Male Resident of Echo Glenn, “My question is, if we're all taxpayers who live here, why is it we can't do anything about somebody who's renting a property? He does not own that property. So if he's putting us in danger, but we're taxpayers, why can't we do anything about it?”

Chief Kelby advised , “currently he's in custody, he's been required to be evaluated. It's gonna take a while to get that done. The public safety issue is something the Police Department / State Police is dealing with. You can petition the court for a stalking or protection order against him, and then if he violates the order, I just come over and pick him up and he goes to jail for three or four days. You have to petition the court for it. You can go to Franklin District Court to get the protection order.”

**Melissa Suckling, Danbury Elementary School
Chris Tyler facilities director SAU 4**

Questions and concerns in reference to the placement of the new school classroom and the setbacks, utilities and the septic system,

James Phelps offered assistance with the underground issues, utilities and septic systems, and advises these are something they can drive over to transport the new building into place.

Consent/Signature Agenda

- Payroll and accounts payable, *Reviewed*
- April bank reconciliations, *Reviewed*
- Landfill closure report, *Reviewed*
Multiple LUZO violation letters, *Reviewed*
Ruby Hill Motioned to approve and sign all items in the Consent/Signature folder, James seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Building Permit Applications

Intent to Cut

Intent to cut, Edward Roche, Waukeena Lake Road (412-090-000) Ruby Hill Motioned to approve and sign all , James seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Old Business

New Business

- Septic construction approval, (411-084-000) Ragged Mountain Rd. Matthew S Plantier. *Reviewed*
- Review list from TC/Tx reference properties to be deeded. *Reviewed*
- Quote from Consolidated to upgrade town hall to fiber internet, *Reviewed*

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SAND BIDS 6:44pm

- 1) Phelps Construction, \$8 per yard to be picked up at 1480 US Route 4 or \$12.00 per yard to be delivered to the highway garage.
- 2) SKR Site Services out of Bristol, \$10.25 per yard to be picked up in Hampton Rd. Franklin, delivered to the highway garage at \$15.25 per yard.
- 3) Huntoon Excavation, \$8 per yard to be picked up by the Town of Danbury and \$12.00 per yard to be delivered to the highway garage.

Bids review by the Road Agent Jeremy Cornel, *Jessica motioned to award the 2024 Sand Bid to Huntoon Excavation, seconded by James, motioned passed 2-0. Ruby abstained.*

PAVING BIDS reviewed with the Road Agent Jeremy Cornell, *Jessica made a motion to give GMI our business to pave North Road and High Street for the total cost of \$169,317.00 and to take any extra money necessary out of the Highway Block Grant if I needed, seconded by James, motion passed.*

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT MINI SPLIT, Quotes reviewed, *Ruby motioned to authorized Road Agent Jeremy Cornell to contract with Rowells for the HVAC work \$12,192.87, James seconded, motioned passed 3-0.*

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ROOF REPAIR, 1st quote reviewed, will be requesting additional quotes for the repair work.

Planning Board info, Ruby reported the public hearing for Ragged was continued to June 25th,

Safety Services Building committee reporting they will be having a “Touch a Truck” event at the proposed site for the new building on Route 104, on June 23rd between 2-4pm

FYI

- Notice of Final Tax Data Form

At 8:31 Ruby motioned to adjourn, seconded by James. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be held on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted, Maggi Fellows, Administrative Assistant

