

Town of Danbury
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
January 19, 2022 6:00 PM

Members present **Jessica Hatch, Chair, Jim Phelps, Tracy Shepard**
Also present **Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant**

Deborah Aylward was present just prior to the meeting, received an agenda and left after being told the meeting would be starting late.

Jessica Hatch opened the meeting at 6:15pm.

Checks/Applications/Signatures)

- **Payroll & accounts payable** were signed.
- **December bank reconciliations** were signed.
- Jim motioned to accept the **minutes** of 1/5/2022, seconded by Tracy. Motion passed 3-0.
- Jim motioned to approve a **refund payment** to Core Logic for property taxes paid in error on property 416-037. Motion seconded by Tracy and passed 3-0.
- **Building Permit 01-2022B**/Stanley and Samantha Phelps/411-040/53 Ragged Mountain Rd for full rehab of house. Jessica motioned to approve the building permit, seconded by Tracy with Jim abstaining from the vote. Motion passed 2-0, with 1 abstention.
- **Driveway permit application**/ 409-090 Everly on Sheldon Road/Jim motioned to approve the driveway permit, with no work to be done within 250 feet of School Pond until state permits are received. Motion was seconded by Jessica and passed 3-0.
- **Current use application** for Heberling 201-054 was reviewed. Jim motioned to approve the application to place 1.44 acres into current use(8.73acres already in current use), seconded by Jessica. Motion passed 3-0.
- **Intents to Excavate** – Phelps 407-006 and 418-015 and Phelps & Lane 411-080, 416-020 and 418-029/Jessica motioned to approve the 5 Intents to Excavate, seconded by Tracy. Motion passed 2-0 with Jim abstaining from the vote.
- The Board reviewed a request for abatement from the Tax Collector for 415-054/Upton Baker/1438 US Route 4. The reason for the abatement is that veterans’ credits of \$200 were misapplied to their land only parcel resulting in \$196.40 of credit not being credited to property owner’s taxes. Jim motioned to approve **Abatement 2022-01** for \$196.40, seconded by Tracy. Motion passed 3-0.

Old Business

- Only 1 bid was received for the 08 truck. The bid is for \$3500 from Reed Truck Services. Jim offered a counter proposal, for \$3500 plus forgiveness of any amounts owed for the towing and diagnostics on the truck. Scott Reed of Reed Truck Services will be contacted.
- The help wanted ad for a highway department worker will be running for 2 weeks in the Kearsarge Shopper, the Record Enterprise, the Newfound Landing, and the Intertown Record.
- The Selectmen will be placing warrant articles on the ballot to discontinue 2 roads, Cloutier Road and the road that leads to the house at 218 Wiggin Road. Both of these roads lead only to one residence and are essentially driveways. The property owners will be notified by certified mail to be sent on 1/20 of the warrant article (notice must be no later than 14 days before the 1st deliberative session).
- The formation of the joint PD with Alexandria was discussed. No decision has been made as to whether to put the question on a warrant article. The Board will meet on 1/26 to make that determination.

New Business

- Two petitioned warrant articles were received from Deborah Aylward on January 11, one to grant regulatory power to the Zoning Board regarding excavations and the other to increase the Board of Selectmen to five members. The petition to increase the BOS to 5 Selectmen will require a public hearing to be held on or before 2/3. **The Selectmen will hold a public hearing on the petition to increase the Town of Danbury Board of Selectmen to 5 members on February 2 at 6pm.**

Selectmen Items

- Tracy asked if any consideration had been given to modernizing the Town Hall. He suggested among other things that the big windows be replaced for more efficient heating of the big room.
- Jim has heard about a grant that the Realtors Association gives to communities for parks that could be used for signage, improvements, benches, etc. It might be a good resource for improving the town land across from the DCC and adjacent to the Rail Trail. He will get more information about the grant and what is required.
- Jessica mentioned that the problem of people plowing snow across the road is once again an issue this winter. She will discuss this with Road Agent Cornell to see if he is planning to send letters reminding people of the ordinance that prohibits this.
- Jim received a complaint that Railroad Drive is not being sanded beyond 18 Railroad Drive.

Jim motioned to adjourn at 8:00, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed 3-0.

FYI/No action needed

- Candidacy flyer – on website, friends of Danbury and Uncensored Friends of Danbury
- Minutes from NHDOT pre construction meeting 1/11/2022
- Information regarding adding family members to health insurance(requested by Road Agent)
- Septic construction approval 409-022 Barry Highlands
- Primex -Okay for FD to have other town drivers use truck during on site testing
- 4th QTR 41 forms filed 1-18-22
- Sample letters for health officer to use for failed septic

Respectfully submitted, Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant