

# Town of Danbury

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 20, 2022, 6:00 PM

**Members present:** Jessica Hatch, Chair, Tracy Shepard  
Not present Ruby Hill

Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant

**Jessica Hatch opened the meeting at 6:00pm.**

Also present: Road Agent Cornell, John Taylor, Chief Martin

Jessica motioned to approve the minutes of 4/6 and 4/12, with a correction to the 4/12 minutes to remove a typographical error. Motion seconded by Tracy and passed 2-0.

### Consent Agenda

- Payroll and accounts payable
- Intent to Cut – Chandler/Bohonon Rd
- Timber tax bill/ Brown & Sons US Rt 4 ROW clearing \$76.98
- Veterans Credit application Cahill 415-005
- Elderly exemption credit Heath 412-014

Jessica motioned to approve and sign any items needed in the consent agenda, seconded by Tracy. Motion passed.

### Building Permit Applications

**06-2022B Desmarais** – 22x24 2 car garage/46 Hoyt Brook Rd/408-047

**07-2022B Sorrell** – 8x12 storage addition on house/34 Drake Hill Rd/411-108

**08-2022B Hollenbeck** – 40 X 60 auto repair shop w/1 bedroom residence and a storage container/100 NH Route 104/201-115

Jessica motioned to approve and sign all of the building permit applications, seconded by Tracy. Motion passed.

### Old Business

- Quotes were requested for the replacement of the furnace at the Town Hal was requested from Inov8vEnergy and Smith River HVAC LLC. Kevin McCollough of Inov8vEnergy returned call. He stated that his installs are for customers only, so the Town would need to purchase fuel from them. Karen will follow up with him.
- Request from property owner at 77 Eastern District Road to have traffic signs placed – “blind corner”, “children at play”. A blind corner sign will be placed by the Highway Department.
- Jason Leno came into the office in response to the letter sent by the Board regarding the vehicle in the right of way on Spruce Lane. He asked for additional time as the vehicle is not operable.
- There was discussion about the status of **Sheep Rock Road**. Daniel St. Pierre owns 3 lots at the end of Sheep Rock Road and asked that the Town to cut the brush on the side of the road to provide access to his land and install a gate to block vandals. The road has not been maintained by the Town in over 5 years. Jessica had been out to check out the road. In the original subdivision approved by the Planning Board in 1987, there was to be a road built accessing the 3 lots with a hammerhead turnaround. This road extension was never built, so there is no access to 2 of the lots of the subdivision.

John Taylor, who owns property on either side of the road would like to see a gate installed with a lock(all property owners to have keys) because they have had issues with vandalism and theft of cordwood.

After the discussion, Jessica motioned that Sheep Rock Road is a class VI road subject to the owners of the properties to install gates and bars. Motion seconded by Tracy and passed 2-0.

In addition, Jessica motioned that because of the failure to finish the road(Sheep Rock Rd) to the subdivision lots with a town turnaround he did not comply with the conditions that were put in place at the time of the subdivision approval. Motion seconded by Tracy and passed 2-0.

- The next discussion involved the subdivision and roadway at St. Paul's Place, also owned by Mr. St. Pierre. Again, the road was built at the time of the subdivision approval (late 1980's) but has not been maintained by the town. Jessica said that there is no turnaround at the end of the subdivision that would allow for a town plow truck to turnaround. It was determined that St. Paul's Place is a Class VI Road. A letter will be sent to Mr. St. Pierre informing him of these decisions and suggesting he come to a Planning Board meeting for an informal discussion.
- The Board recently agreed to a lot line adjustment for Joe Bruderman for the cabin at 138 Littlefield and the abutting town owned property because the cabin at 138 Littlefield encroaches on the town property. That is the reason the former owners of the 416-023 property gave it to the town. Now Mr. Bruderman is inquiring if the Town would agree to sell the whole lot, rather than do a lot line adjustment. Mr. Joe Bruderman sent a letter regarding purchasing the abutting property after getting letters of noninterest from any abutter signing off on their interest in the property. In order to sell the property, per NH RSA 41:14, the Board presents their proposal to sell the land to the Planning Board. Once the Planning Board provides their recommendations, the Selectboard must have 2 public hearings, at least 10 days but not more than 14 days apart. Then they could take a vote on selling the property. Jessica will present the proposal to the Planning Board at the next meeting.

### **New Business**

- Bruce Armstrong resigned as a Commissioner of the DVFD. Jessica moved to accept his resignation with great appreciation to his many years of service for the Fire Department. Motion seconded by Tracy and passed.
- Jessica motioned to appoint Erica Schumacher as an alternate library trustee, with Tracy seconding the motion which passed unanimously.
- A new property record will be created for the AT&T cable that runs adjacent to the Rail Trail through town.
- There was discussion about the clean up of two tax deeded properties: 88 High Street and 714 Waukeena Lake Rd. The 88 High Street property will probably require a dumpster as there are many old appliances and a great deal of trash. Jim Phelps has offered to do a test pit at the Waukeena Lake Road property to see if it is viable for a septic system.

### **Road Agent Cornell**

Town roads are no longer posted.

The grader part has not been received yet, so the grader is still out of service.

A paving quote was received from GMI. Proposed paving projects are High Street, Waukeena Lake Road, an apron on Restful Road, Walker Brook Road, and Ragged Mountain Road. No decisions will be made until other quotes are received.

### **Chief Martin**

He received a call from a potential buyer of the storage units on US Route 4 asking about creating interior storage units and the requirement for exterior doors. Karen explained that the property has not yet sold and the caller does not own the property as far as town records are concerned.

Chief Martin said that Kyle Levesque will continue to do building inspections but would like an increase in pay to come up from southern New Hampshire to do so. Jessica motioned to increase pay for EMD Levesque to \$20, seconded by Tracy. Motion passed.

Tracy was curious as to what the value of the 1975 International pumper truck might be worth. It was suggested that it would be beneficial to use an online auction company to get a higher price.

### **Selectmen**

Jessica will be reaching out to Chief Suckling to see if he can continue as Danbury Police Chief until July 1 while the search for an appointed chief continues.

### **FYI**

- Backhoe windshield has been repaired; insurance will pay out cost minus \$100 deductible.
- NH DRA 2021 Total Equalized Valuation
- Deed list

Jessica motioned to adjourn at 8:07pm, seconded by Tracy. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted, Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant*