

Town of Danbury

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday July 20, 2022, 5:00 PM

Members present: Jessica Hatch, Chair, Tracy Shepard, Ruby Hill

Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant

Appointments: Barbara Antonides – re PD Department procedures – voice mail

Jessica Hatch opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

Ruby moved to approve the minutes of 7/6//2022 and 7/12/2022, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed 3-0.

Barbara Antonides was in to question why the Danbury Police Department does not have voice mail set up for non-emergency messages. She called central dispatch and asked to be connected to DPD voice mail. She discovered that you cannot leave a voice mail.

Chairperson Hatch said she was unaware of the situation and that it would be a question to ask Officer in Charge Sgt. Marvin, or to the new Police Chief when the Town hires one. Her initial thought was that there could be confusion if someone left a message in an emergency and there is no one to respond.

Ms. Antonides said she and Sgt Marvin were playing phone tag and feels it is advisable to have a voice mail set up. Alexandria PD has a voice mail set up.

Consent/Signature Agenda

- Payroll and accounts payable
- June bank reconciliations(signed 7/12)
- Appointment form to sign for Robin Heberling to Cemetery Trustee position(signed 7/12)
- Letter of support for NH Electric Coop in their efforts for broadband expansion(signed 7/12)
- Taser purchase order PD \$2026.39
- Brewer Land Use Change tax 413-003

Jessica made a motion to sign and approve the consent agenda, seconded by Tracy . Motion passed 3-0.

Building/Driveway Permit Applications

- **19-2022B Bruno 5 Broadview** 416-016/ 37 panel rooftop solar array/Jessica motioned to approve, seconded by Ruby. Motion passed 3-0.
- **20-2022B Rose Restful Rd** 201-011/12 x 6 shed/ Jessica motioned to approve, seconded by Ruby. Motion passed 3-0.
- **21-2022B Barker 67 Waukeena Lake Rd** 409-002/8.6 x 28 shed/ Jessica motioned to approve, seconded by Tracy. Motion passed 3-0.
- **22-2022B Giansanti Wiggin Rd** 415-037-001 12 x 24 Shed/ Jessica motioned to approve, seconded by Ruby. Motion passed 3-0.
- **23-2022B Sanville Juniper Meadow Rd** 412-025 24 x 36 3 BDRM home/ no action was taken. Setbacks will need to be verified.
- **24-2022B Loos & Walker 1510 US Route 4** 418-028/8 x 12 Shed/ Jessica motioned to approve, seconded by Ruby. Motion passed 3-0.
- **Driveway permit Rose – Restful Rd 201-011/** Jessica motioned to approve, seconded by Ruby. Motion passed 3-0.
- **Driveway permit/Blanchet – Wiggin Rd 416-090-002/**this was revised from a horseshoe driveway to a single entrance/ Jessica motioned to approve, seconded by Ruby. Motion passed 3-0.

Old Business

- JSJ Auctions is holding the date of 10/29 for the Town auction of tax deeded properties. Notifications and right to repurchase calculations to former owner were reviewed. 88 High St appears to be a buildable lot.

- A letter response was received from Darrin Wason regarding a building permit for his property at 27 Old Turnpike Rd. He is doing interior renovations and was unaware a building permit was needed. He paid the \$50 fee and a permit will be issued.

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Ruby attended an Article 5 Committee meeting on July 13. Again, it was her feeling that it was not a productive meeting. A vote was taken to keep the formula the same as it is currently. The vote failed 5-4. Another vote was taken to come back with an 80/20 fixed cost formula, which passed. The committee will meet again in August and September. Danbury is mentioned often from the Bridgewater representative, as not paying their fair share.

Tracy has a safety concern about pedestrians crossing Route 4 from the rail trail to the Danbury Country Store and would like to see a crosswalk in place. Jessica spoke about the Board's experience with trying to get a crosswalk across NH Route 104 to the library. The State's response was that a crosswalk can only be installed if there are sidewalks on either side. Ruby would like to see the response from the State at the next meeting. She proposed an idea for a town common that could address the issue.

FYI

- Monthly property sales
- Grant payment received \$971.61 for forestry equipment
- July – December school payment increase \$21,203/month
- Water testing results at 10 North Rd and Town Hall - OK
- Septic approval 412-025 Sanville/ Juniper Meadow Rd
- Letter requested from NASD signed by public safety officials regarding grant application – school safety
- Letter sent to E. Branden re tax deeding

At 6:56 Jessica motioned to enter into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3, II(b) *The hiring of any person as a public employee.* seconded by Ruby. Motion passed unanimously.

At 7:51 Jessica motioned to come out of nonpublic, seconded by Tracy. Motion passed 3-0.

At 7:52 Jessica motioned to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3, II (l) *Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present.* Motion was seconded by Ruby and passed unanimously.

At 8:06 Jessica motioned to come out of nonpublic session, seconded by Ruby. All in favor. Jessica motioned to send the letter drafted by town counsel to Karl Hannan, seconded by Ruby. All in favor.

At 8:07 Jessica motioned to go into nonpublic session, seconded by Tracy per RSA 91-A:3, II(e) *Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed by or against this board or any subdivision thereof, or by or against any member thereof because of his or her membership therein, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled*
All in favor.

At 8:21 Ruby motioned to come out of nonpublic session, seconded by Jessica. All in favor. Jessica motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ruby. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be held on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant