

TOWN OF DANBURY

Board of Selectmen - Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2026

Members present: Jessica Hatch, James Farmer, and Frances Bliss, along with Administrative Assistant Holly Surgens.

Additional attendees: Diane Blasotto and Ed Esty

Jessica Hatch opened the meeting at 6:06pm

Appointments:

- Road Agent – Alan Huntoon @6:15 to discuss sand bids.
 - *Sand bids were discussed.*
 - *Jessica Hatch made a motion to select Huntoon Excavation at a cost of \$9.50 per yard picked up or \$14.50 per yard delivered, seconded by James Farmer, all in favor.*
 - *Additional discussion regarding paving quotes, bridge repairs, and road culvert inspections on Eastern District Rd. Also discussed the leaking roof at the highway garage.*
- Jim Larkin & Mike Maines @ 6:30 to discuss the transfer station.
 - *The Selectmen discussed the transfer of management at the Transfer Station from Jim to Mike. Jim will continue to work with Mike to allow for a smooth transition. Jim also discussed the new fuel surcharges related to trash and recycling container pick-ups. Mike discussed the possibility of prohibiting commercial and contractor waste due to increasing costs to Transfer Station.*
 - *Additional discussion regarding fuel costs.*
- Eric Barnes from Ragged Mnt 00 to discuss July event at Ragged.
 - *Eric discussed with the Selectmen regarding the Kinfolk Music Festival planned for July 25, 2026. The event is expected to run from approximately 11:00am to 10:00pm with an estimated attendance of 800-900 people. Discussion included camping accommodations, vendors, food trucks, and event logistics. The Selectmen recommended that the Fire Department and Police Department be notified of the event.*
- Nick Phelps @7:30pm – to discuss property taxes
 - *Nick Phelps met with the Selectmen to discuss outstanding property taxes and payment arrangements. Following discussion, the Selectmen determined that the property would not proceed to tax deed at this time provided payments continue to be made as agreed.*
 - *Jessica Hatch made a motion to ask the tax collector to not deed Nick Phelps property at 53 High St. as he will continue making payments, seconded by James Farmer, all in favor.*

Approval of minutes from 5/6/2026

- *Jessica Hatch made a motion to approve the minutes from 4/15/2026 with amendments, seconded by James Farmer, all in favor.*

Consent/Signature Agenda

- Payroll/Accounts payable
- Current Use with Stewardship Application – Bemis – 201-002 – 210 Old Turnpike Rd.
 - *The selectmen reviewed the application and requested more information regarding stewardship.*
- April Reconciliation
- Letter of Support for the proposed charter school
 - *The Selectmen reviewed the proposed charter school support letter and requested revisions removing references to the Danbury Elementary School building.*
- Letter to Cass – Map/Lot 416-012
- Letter to Winslow – Map/Lot 416-064-004

- *Jessica Hatch made a motion to approve all consent/signature items but removing the Current Use with Stewardship application for Bemis for further information as well as the Charter school support letter to be redrafted, seconded by James Farmer, all in favor.*

Building/Driveway Permit Applications –

- 08-2026B | Taylor | 367 Eastern District Rd | 410-051 | 24' x 36' Three bay garage
 - *Jessica Hatch made a motion to approve the building permit for Taylor for the 24' x 36 three bay garage, seconded by James Farmer, all in favor. Jessica advised Holly to make sure they are over 20 feet from property line.*

Old Business - None

New Business – None

Selectmen

- Review of email from Bruderman regarding well
- Review of letter from Pescinski regarding Land Use Change Tax
 - *Frances Bliss made a motion to require Pescinski to pay the Land Use Change Tax imposed, seconded by James Farmer, all in favor.*
- Monthly deeds – sales and transfers – Dec 2025 through April 2026
- Employment evaluations - continued

FYI

- New Hampshire the Beautiful Grant Determination letter for the Transfer Station's Recycling container. Approved for \$2,400 grant.
- Letter from FEMA regarding final flood hazard determination
 - *Jessica instructed Holly to reach out to the planning board for the required information and also forward the email to Kyle Levesque for additional review.*
- NHMA Legislative Alert: HB1064 regarding Municipal Liabilities
- Department of Health and Human Services Alert regarding Ebola Bundibugyo Virus Outbreak
 - *All Selectmen and FYI items reviewed.*

Additional discussion/motions made:

- *Jessica Hatch made a motion to sign the property tax warrant to be due on July 2, 2026, in the amount of \$2,132,632.14, seconded by Frances Bliss, all in favor.*
- *Frances spoke about Planning Board discussions regarding road standards and subdivisions as well as future updating of Land Use Zoning Ordinances regarding campers.*
- *Frances provided update regarding generators for town buildings. She stated that Kyle Levesque is working on the grant application.*

Motion to go into non-public session at 8:48pm made by Jessica Hatch, seconded by James Farmer, all in favor.

- *Continued discussion of employee evaluations and compensation.*

Motion to come out of non-public session at 8:55pm made by Jessica Hatch, seconded by James Farmer, all in favor

- *James Farmer made a motion to approve all pay raises discussed and retroactively pay said raises as of 4/6/2026, seconded by Frances Bliss, all in favor.*

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56pm made by Jessica Hatch, seconded by James Farmer, all in favor.

Meeting minutes prepared by Holly Surgens

Meeting minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen on 6/3/2026