

TOWN OF DANBURY

Board of Selectmen - Meeting Minutes

July 29, 2026

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

Additional attendees: Marlon Austin & Mike Maines

Jessica Hatch opened the meeting at 6:02pm

Appointments

- Marlon Austin - NH DOT@ 6:15pm – To discuss town bridges.
 - *Marlon spoke with the Selectmen about the Federal and State grant process for the town bridges. Currently Bohannon Rd bridge is enrolled but there are other bridges that may be better suited for the program such as Ford Mill Rd, Eastern District Rd or Jack Wells Rd. Marlon discussed the timeline to expect from start of grant paperwork to construction. He advised that the process could take approximately 3 years. The Selectmen also discussed the current emergency repair needed for the Ford Mill Bridge and due to this timeline Ford Mill Rd bridge would not be an option for the grant. Due to the cost of repairing the Ford Mill Rd bridge the funds saved for the grant process would need to be redirected to Ford Mill Rd bridge. They discussed which bridges should be considered for the grant process moving forward and that the timeline for required funds to participate in the grant can be pushed forward in order for the Town to remain in the grant program.*
- Mike Maines @ 7:00pm – To discuss break-in at TS and discuss getting cameras.
 - *Mike spoke with the selectmen about the recent break-in at the Transfer station garage. They found that numerous materials were taken from the garage including new oil containers and various tools. Approximately \$300 in value. Mike asked about the possibility of getting internet connection at the Transfer Station in order to install security. He also mentioned that the garage door needs to be replaced due to wear. Mike will look into getting quotes for the replacement. Holly will look into the process of getting internet.*

Approval of minutes from 7/15/2026 & 7/27/2026

- *Jessica Hatch made a motion to approve the minutes from 7/15/2026 & 7/27/2026, seconded by James Farmer, all in favor*

Consent/Signature Agenda

- Payroll/Accounts payable
- Hansen Bridge contract for the repair of Ford Mill Rd Bridge - \$408,520.00 Total cost for repair and temporary bridge.
 - *Contract not to be signed until more information is gathered and final decision is made.*
- Primary Dispatch Change Letter – This letter is regarding the current dispatching of emergency services for Danbury. Franklin PD will serve as the primary dispatching agent for all police calls.
 - *Jessica Hatch made a motion to approve all consent/signature items except the Hansen Bridge contract waiting for further information, seconded by James Farmer, all in favor.*

Building/Driveway Permit Applications

- 18-2026B | Bliss | 41 Gould Hill Rd | 410-110-001 | Construction of 28' x 32' Single family home and continued use of RV while construction is underway.
 - *Jessica Hatch made a motion to approve the building permit for Bliss for Construction of 28' x 32' Single family home and continued use of RV while construction is underway, seconded by James Farmer. All in favor .*
- 19-2026B | Pescinski | Mudgett Rd | 410-070 | Construction of a 30' x 40' 3bdrm/2 bath home.
 - *Jessica Hatch made a motion to approve the building permit for Pescinski for the Construction of a 30' x 40' 3bdrm/2 bath home, seconded by James Farmer. All in favor. The property owner must signed a Class VI Road Waiver before release of the permit.*
- 20-2026B | Bruderman | 138 Littlefield Rd | 416-022 | 4' x 8' addition on cabin and 10' x 10' shed.
 - *Jessica Hatch made a motion to approve the building permit for Bruderman for the 4' x 8' addition on cabin and 10' x 10' shed, seconded by James Farmer. All in favor.*
- 21-2026B | Killarney | 32 Deckmans Rd | 416-046 | 12' x 16' shed.
 - *Jessica Hatch made a motion to approve the building permit for Killarney for the 12' x 16' shed, seconded by James Farmer. All in favor.*
- 22-2026B | Lindley | 10 Ragged Mountain Rd | 411-118 | 11' x 6' garage extension.
 - *Jessica Hatch made a motion to approve the building permit for Lindley for the 11' x 6' garage extension, seconded by James Farmer. All in favor*
- 23-2026B | Shairy | 167 School Pond Rd | 201-039 | 48' x 60 garage.
 - *Jessica Hatch made a motion to approve the building permit for Shairy for the 48' x 60 garage, seconded by James Farmer. All in favor*
- 24-2026B | Hardy & Ramsey | 90 Ragged Mountain Rd | 411-098 | 12' x12' Prefab shed.
 - *Jessica Hatch made a motion to approve the building permit for Hardy & Ramsey for the 12' x12' Prefab shed, seconded by James Farmer. All in favor.*
- 02-2026D | Bauer | Hemlock Ln/Spruce Ln | 406-158
 - *Jessica Hatch made a motion to approve the driveway permit for Bauer for the manufactured ranch style double wide mobile home. 28' x 46', seconded by James Farmer. All in favor.*

Old Business

- Email from Don Moyer from Friends of the Rail Trail regarding closure of Roy Ford Rd for maintenance to rail trail overpass.
 - *Don's email stated they will have two volunteers flagging traffic as well as keeping the road clear of debris during the repair to the Rail Trail bridge. At this time the repair is not scheduled, and Don will keep the Selectmen informed when it is scheduled.*

New Business – None

Selectmen

- Email from counsel regarding Danbury Elementary School.

FYI

- “Alert Memo” from CathyJo Hatch – Deputy Tax Collector regarding tax deeding and a recent NH Supreme Court Ruling.
 - *The memo discussed the recent Supreme Court case ruling and outlined the process for tax deeding.*
- DMV Audit Report for the Municipal Registration Agent.

- Notice from CathyJo Hatch regarding the Town website and ADA regulations.
 - *The Town is currently working on a new website.*
- Health Trust distribution payment of \$5623.22 from Blue Cross Blue Shield Subscriber Settlement.
- “Thank you” letter from Casa for 2026 \$1000 donation.
- Wetton response to request to block timber driveway.
 - *The temporary driveway has been sufficiently blocked by two sections of logs.*
- Email from State of NH regarding flood mapping.
 - *All Selectmen and FYI items reviewed.*

Additional discussion:

- *Jessica mentioned that the utility company was leaving cut trees in the roadside ditching. Holly will reach out to have it cleared.*
- *Continued discussion of Ford Mill Rd bridge repair and options for diverting traffic during repair. Jessica has been in touch with the Julie from the NH Bureau of Trails and is awaiting further information about using a portion of the rail trail to go around the bridge and connect to Ford Mill Rd through private property. The other option is the temporary bridge quoted by Hansen Bridge or support netting to be temporary placed on a bridge to reinforce the safety of the bridge. They also discussed the funding of the bridge repair.*
- *Flood mapping and responsibility of Planning Board to adopt changes. Emailed the Planning Board with requirements.*
- *Permit letters and permit applications to be sent to 423 Us Rte 4 and 110 High St for work being done on property.*

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm 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 8/12/2026