

TOWN OF DANBURY

Board of Selectmen - Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2026

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

Additional attendees: Karen Padgett, Katelynn and Diane Blasotto, Kyle Levesque

Jessica Hatch opened the meeting at 6:26pm

Appointments –

- Audrey Pellegrino @ 6:30 To discuss Danbury Elementary School
 - *Audrey presented a petition to the Selectmen regarding the closure of Danbury Elementary School. The petition urged the Selectmen to act regarding the school building. She also mentioned the new laws regarding school closures (HB 1374) and RSA 194:3G relating to municipal rights to operate a school. The Selectboard will reach out to counsel for additional assistance, review of the petition and review of new laws.*
- Stephen Polizzi @ 7pm to discuss the proposed phone system.
 - *The Selectmen reviewed the proposal to upgrade the phone and alarm systems for the town buildings. The Selectmen will continue the review the upgrade once additional information regarding current systems is looked at.*
- Sylvia Hill – Regarding cell/internet service.
 - *Sylvia spoke with the Selectmen regarding the poor cell service in town and how that is a safety concern for residents. Crown Atlantic owns and maintains the cellular towers on Ragged Mountain. Sylvia stated that she would reach out to the Crown Atlantic, Fidium and the FCC regarding the issue.*
 - *Sylvia also inquired about an abatement of 2013 taxes for her son's property. The Selectmen advised her to complete an Abatement Application.*

Approval of minutes from 9/2/2026

- *Jessica Hatch made a motion to approve the minutes from 8/26/2026 with amendments, seconded by James Farmer, all in favor.*

Consent/Signature Agenda

- Payroll/Accounts payable
- Purchase Order for the Highway Dept. – Upper Valley Line-X for plow - \$9735.25
- Letters for:
 - Haynes – Follow up regarding RV temp living
 - Haynes – Building permit requirement - Deck
 - Plantier - Building permit requirement – Storage Container
 - Rose - Building permit requirement – Renovation work
 - Plaisted - Driveway permit requirement
- Corrected Trustees of the Trust Fund Payment Voucher - Highway truck \$50,000
 - *Jessica Hatch made a motion to approve all consent/signature items, seconded by James Farmer, all in favor.*

Building/Driveway Permit Applications

- 34-2026B | Cline/Tucker | 415-011-001 | 1191 US Rte 4 - Renewal of permit for construction that began in 2021 – 28’ x 32’ New home
 - *Jessica Hatch made a motion to approve the building permit for Cline/Tucker for the continued construction of new home, seconded by James Farmer, all in favor.*
- 35-2026B | Luff | 411-083-001 | 30 Phelps Lane – 20’ x 20’x ADU 1 bdrm house w 6’ x 6’ attached deck.
 - *Jessica Hatch made a motion to approve the building permit for Luff for the construction of 20’ x 20’x ADU 1 bdrm house w 6’ x 6’ attached deck, seconded by James Farmer, all in favor.*

Old Business - None

New Business – None

Selectmen

- Review of email regarding Huntoon Farm restoration
 - *The Selectmen agreed to offer a letter of support for the restoration of the Huntoon Farm.*
- Review of notice from NH DRA regarding Education Tax Warrant for 2027
- Review of email from regarding “Welcome to Danbury” signs.
 - *The signs were previously donated as an Eagle Scout project, and they are currently in poor condition. Holly will reach out to Chris Sorel regarding possible 4H project to repair or remake signs.*

FYI – None

Additional discussion and motions made:

- *Jessica mentioned reviewing the laws regarding sealed minutes and when to open them.*
- *Route 4 state bridge status. When will the repair work begin and what is the estimated completion date? Holly will reach out to NHDOT for more information. Continued truck traffic over School Pond Rd may cause damage over time.*
- *NHMA: Holly is instructed to reach out for guidance on the time frame to sell town owned property.*
- *Kyle Levesque discussed the status of the generator grant application to obtain a generator for the DCC and possibly Town Hall in the event of an emergency.*

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm 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 10/7/2026