

Town of Danbury

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday January 4, 2023, 6:00 PM

Members present: Jessica Hatch, Chair, Tracy Shepard
absent Ruby Hill
Also, Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant

Chris Fore, Wiggin Rd
Fire Chief Martin

At 6:15pm Jessica Hatch opened the meeting.

Jessica motioned to approve the minutes as amended for a typographical error, seconded by Tracy. Motion passed 2-0.

Consent/Signature Agenda

- Payroll and accounts payable/also last week to re-sign(did not have US Treasury payment)
- Timber tax bills, Hardwick \$\$159.10/Chandler \$3,522.27
- Courtesy 2nd notice Bickford – no building permit
- Porter Office Machines maintenance agreement
- Vacation request

Jessica motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Tracy. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- Karen spoke with Karl Karlsson of NH DES. The State is requiring that a post closure report be completed for the old “landfill” at the current transfer station. After that is submitted, Karl will make a visit to Danbury to let the Town know what needs to be done as far as testing the soil and possibly the water. The Board will ask Mike Maines to take charge of this for the Town. Also, additional funds will have to be budgeted for site maintenance at the Transfer Station.
- There is still a discrepancy in the amount invoiced for December school payment vs DRA apportionment. New Hampton, Bristol, and Groton have an increase in payment, while Alexandria, Bridgewater/Hebron payment lowered. We are still holding our school payment for December until this is straightened out.

New Business

- The Selectmen received an email from C. Fore regarding the increased ski traffic on Wiggin Road, and also the speed of travel on the road. He asked if the road could be restricted to local traffic only(no through traffic). GPS apps bring ski traffic over New Canada Road and Wiggin Road. Karen emailed NH Municipal Association Legal Services who advised that town cannot have a permanent limitation on use of Class V Road. It would not be enforceable.
- An email was received from State Representative Deborah Aylward asking if the Board had any input regarding the Merrimack County 2023 Budget. The Board agreed that as our representative, if Representative Aylward has analyzed the budget and feels it is too high an increase, she should argue against it on behalf of those she represents.

Chief Martin brought in some invoices to be paid.

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Jessica spoke about the changes the logging operation made at Anne Chandler’s driveway. There were rocks placed in the town culvert and in her culvert with the result being that the water is now flowing onto the roadway. Road Agent Cornell spoke with the logger who said they would fix it, but it has not been done and now cannot be done until spring. A letter needs to be sent to the property owner advising her that the repairs need to be done in the spring.

Chairman Hatch said that at the last Budget Committee meeting, the members wanted to change the warrant articles. The warrant articles are under the purview of the Selectmen, and the Budget Committee can recommend or not recommend. The Budget Committee will be meeting again to discuss wage increases.

Tracy had concerns about the cardboard container at the Transfer Station being exposed to the elements which would create added weight. He would like to see a cover of some sort to keep the cardboard dry.

FYI

- State driveway permit 409-072 Edic

At 7:20pm Jessica motioned to adjourn, seconded by Tracy. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be held on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant