

Town of Danbury
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday February 15, 2023, 6:00 PM

Appointments: Kendra Braley, Director Danbury Community Center(did not attend meeting)

Members present: Jessica Hatch, Chair, Tracy Shepard, Ruby Hill
Also, Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant
At 6:00pm Jessica Hatch opened the meeting.

Ruby motioned to approve the minutes of 2/1/23 as amended to show that during the nonpublic session, no votes were taken, no decisions made. Motion was seconded by Jessica. Motion passed 3-0.

Consent/Signature Agenda

- Payroll and accounts payable
- January Bank Reconciliations
- NH DES annual post closure report for landfill- 1st filing. Most replies on the report are “N/A” since no testing has been done in years, if ever.
- Intent to Cut 412-076 Greatwoods LLC – off Waukeena Lake Rd
- Intent to Cut 415-002 Oscar LeClair 1181 US Route 4
- Vacation request form

Jessica motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Ruby. Motion passed 3-0.

Building Permit Applications

- **FYI, 03-2023B Feinauer** 262 Forbes Mtn Rd and across street/Ground mounted solar array . The building permit was approved at the 2/1/23 meeting. However, this permit was withdrawn by the property owners. They are no longer following through with the project.
- **04-2023B BLANCHET** 15 Wiggin Rd 416-090-002- 35 panel rooftop solar array/Jessica motioned to approve this building permit, seconded by Tracy. Motion passed 3-0.

Old Business

- Ruby motioned to sign a contract with Eagle Pond Studio for a safety services building feasibility study and pay for it using ARPA funds. Motion was seconded by Jessica and passed 3-0.
- The Town has received funds in the amount of \$42,682.50 for the Locality Equipment Grant that was submitted by the Fire Department for the purchase of 7 airpacs. The Fire Department reimbursed the Town for the 10% grant match. Also, the Department has applied for a Local Assistance for Fire Fighters FEMA grant in the amount of \$175,538.18 to purchase new radios.

New Business

- The Board asked that the email from Emergency Management Director, Kyle Levesque be forwarded to Kendra Braley of the Danbury Community Center. The email was a response to concerns raised by the DCC Director regarding the February 3rd town wide power outage.

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Jessica motioned to let the Road Agent post the roads at his discretion, seconded by Tracy. Motion passed unanimously.

Jessica informed the other Board members about a tax deferral the Town has on a property. The owner of the property recently passed away. The next steps in the tax deferral process were discussed.

The Board prepared a draft of the voter guide that will be sent out a week prior to the March 14 election explaining the various warrant articles. The final draft will be reviewed at the 3/1/23 meeting.

Jessica expressed concern that the sample ballot posted at the Post Office does not have the amended version of the Road Construction capital reserve article. Karen will reach out to Town Clerk, Tricia Taylor, to have the ballot corrected.

Tracy spoke of a proposal by Jon Johnson to replace the Town Hall lights with LED lights. The cost is approximately \$500. The Board agreed to move forward with this. Tracy will follow up with Jon.

Ruby reported on the recent Planning Board meeting. Ragged Mountain Resort is proposing a new cluster development subdivision at the top of Ragged Mountain Road. The Planning Board has asked that before the plan is reviewed, a new master plan be submitted. However, the 3/14 public hearing has already been noticed to abutters.

She also stated that the Selectboard will be receiving a request to attend the March 21 Planning Board meeting to explain why they made the decision not to move forward with the realignment of New Canada Road.

Finally, Ruby spoke about the Newfound School District decision to move the Danbury Elementary School 5th grade students to Bristol Elementary next year. At the meeting on February 1 with the DES principal, Norma Ross, the School Superintendent, Pierre Couture, and the Danbury representative to the NASD School Board, Melissa Suckling, Ms. Ross stated that the parents of the 5th graders are aware of this move. As it turns out, many of the parents were not aware of this. Ruby is working with one of the parents to find an alternative solution. She emailed the School Board expressing that these students started school, were sent home, had hybrid learning, had remote learning and are now being moved into a new school for 1 year. There is COVID money available and she suggested in her email that some of this money be used on a modular classroom on the DES property. She is working with a DES parent who found a company in Massachusetts that has a modular available. It could be set up and ready for August.

Administrative Assistant

- It was reported that on Monday 2/6 there were frozen pipes in the Town Hall(attic), the ceiling leaked and there was no heat. Nick Sorrell worked on the pipes for three hours to restore heat to the building. Also, the attic is a mess with insulation, plywood, boxes of old documents that should be cleaned out. The Board agreed to have someone who has volunteered help with the task.
- Bill Watson from NH DOT called to say that a resident of Danbury called him to complain about the maintenance and plowing of her road. He advised that the State DOT has nothing to do with maintenance of town roads. The Board believes that this issue has been resolved after the road agent and Jessica Hatch visited the only property owner on the road, who stated that she was satisfied with the Town's response.

FYI

- Notice of Ragged Mountain subdivision hearing on 2/28/2023
- Comcast pricing information
- Bill from NH DES for hazardous waste, determined was sent in error.

At 7:50pm Ruby motioned to adjourn, seconded by Jessica. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned. The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be held on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant