

Town of Danbury

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday November 2, 2022, 6:00 PM

Members present: Jessica Hatch, Chair, Tracy Shepard, Ruby Hill

Also present Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant

At 6:00pm Jessica Hatch opened the meeting.

Ruby motioned to approve the October 19 minutes with one correction for a grammatical error. Motion seconded by Tracy and passed 3-0.

Consent/Signature Agenda

- Payroll and accounts payable
- Intent to Cut/Duffy 415-031/New Canada Road
- Driveway permit application/Sheldon Road/409-083/Little & Hilliker

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

Old Business

- The property auction held on 10/29 for three town owned properties was a success. The Town can keep \$43,000 of the \$107,500 proceeds for all back taxes, interest and penalties owed, with the balance going back to the prior owner.
- The Board received a letter from a concerned citizen regarding activity and site work being done on Dunlap Road 416-088. Two courtesy notices have been sent to the owners as there is currently no building permit application on file. A final notice will be sent out and if no response is received, the matter will be turned over to the Town Attorney.
- A quote was received from Capital Alarm to replace the fire alarm box at the Town Hall.

New Business

- The 2021 elected auditors report was reviewed by the Board. Ruby found two questions that were incomplete so it will be returned to the auditor for answers.
- The Bristol Ambulance contract for July 2023-June 2024 is \$57,054.26 which is a decrease of \$8,027.73 from the current year contract. Jessica voted to sign the contract, seconded by Tracy. Motion passed unanimously and the contract was signed.
- The Town received notice from the Northeast Resource Recycling Association that mixed paper will not be accepted at the White River Junction recycling facility until further notice. Only dry corrugated cardboard will be accepted. All other paper will have to be handled as solid waste.

At 7:00 Ruby made a motion to go into nonpublic session per

RSA 91-A:3, II(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.

Motion seconded by Jessica and passed unanimously.

At 7:04 Ruby motioned to return to public session, seconded by Jessica. Motion carried.

A vote was taken to enter into a payment agreement with owners of 415-011-001 for the land use change tax assessed to them, with the motion made by Jessica and seconded by Ruby. They will pay \$1000 per month for 4 months. The vote was unanimous.

Selectmen

Ruby reached out to some of the Recreation Committee members with a plan for town wide trick or treating next year. The idea is for “Trick or Treaters Welcome Here” signs to be sold that people can place in their yard. Ruby will make a map to hand out that shows where trick or treaters are welcome. This would be a fundraiser for the Recreation Committee. This is still a work in progress and there will be more information to follow.

She also asked if any response had been received from RMR regarding engineering thoughts on the road reconstruction. Nothing has been received.

Jessica asked if there had been any movement on the master plan, and Ruby responded that there was not. There is a question about where to budget the funds for the master plan. No information was found as to how it was funded 10 years ago.

Jessica motioned to approve and sign the 2nd half property tax warrant in the amount of \$1,442,542.48 with tax bills due on or before December 7. Motion seconded by Ruby and passed 3-0.

At 7:17 Ruby motioned to enter into nonpublic session per

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Motion seconded by Jessica and passed unanimously.

At 7:29 Jessica motioned to return to public session, seconded by Tracy. Motion carried. No decisions were made, and no votes taken.

The Board worked on the 2023 budget for the remainder of the evening.

FYI

- Tax rate breakdown
- Adjustment in highway block grant – additional \$510.85
- Property sales September to mid-October

At 8:33pm Jessica motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ruby. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant