

**Town of Danbury**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**  
February 16, 2022, 6:00 PM

**Members present**            **Jessica Hatch, Chair, Jim Phelps, Tracy Shepard**  
**Also, present**                **Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant**

**Checks/Applications/Signatures)**

- **Payroll & accounts payable** were signed.
- January bank reconciliations were signed.
- Intent to Cut – State right of way clearing along the US Route 4 bridge replacement project. Jessica motioned to approve the intent to cut, seconded by Tracy. Motion passed 3-0.
- Building permit – 02-2022B Henney/406-138/ Spruce Lane/24x40 2-bedroom home – Jessica motioned to approve the building permit for Henney, seconded by Tracy. Motion passed 2-0 with Jim recusing himself from the vote. Karen noted that the property owners have asked what they need to do to bring the road up to town specs and have the town maintain it.
- Veterans credit applications/Hullinger and Hill/58 Littlefield Rd/411-076 – Jessica motioned to approve the veterans’ credits, seconded by Tracy. Motion passed 3-0.

**Old Business**

- The Board discussed the procedural issue that happened at the 1<sup>st</sup> Deliberative Session relating to the warrant article to close Cloutier Road. At the Deliberative Session, the voters said “no” to the warrant article, with the intention of keeping the road over. Legal counsel has advised the Board that the Deliberative Session does not have the power to vote yes or no on a warrant article, only to debate and amend. An amendment should have been proposed. Therefore, the warrant article must go on the ballot as it was originally written.  
Jim phoned Frank Baptista, who is the property owner affected by this warrant article, to explain the situation. Jim advised him of the problem and as a remedy, the Selectmen’s voter guide that is sent out prior to voting will recommend voting “NO” on the warrant article. Mr. Baptista is aware of an appeal process should the article pass.
- The deed has been recorded for 88 High St. The Selectmen discussed next steps and determined that in the spring they will look at what clean up needs to be done. The previous owner removed some items from the vacant lot but left quite a bit of “stuff” on the property. Another property that needs to be looked at is 714 Waukeena Lake Road. Jim said it might be better to tear that one down and sell it as a building lot. Per Jessica, that lot is wet. Jim volunteered to dig a test pit in the spring and see if it could support a septic system.
- Letter from Vincent Dusio requesting action on several Echo Glen properties that have been a constant irritant to residents of the Glen. An abandoned car that is in the road right of way, the A Frame at 10 Hemlock Lane that has trash all over and may not have running water, a property on Hemlock Lane that is being used as a “junkyard” and the property at 20 Hemlock Lane where the permit to build is most likely expired. All these issues have been addressed by letters to the property owners at least once. The Board will discuss how to follow up at a subsequent meeting.
- Tulgey Wood paid \$384 for the New Canada Road clean up. This was for the items that were taken to the transfer station for disposal.

**New Business**

- Jessica reported about an issue with one of the highway trucks that was towed to a repair shop for a loose wire. The Road Agent expected it would be covered under warranty, but it will not be.

- The Fire Department rescue vehicle was hit by the Bristol Ambulance and suffered minor damage. The claim has been submitted to Primex. There will be no deductible due for the repair.
- An envelope with a transfer station deposit and a Comcast franchise fee check was found in vault. Karen is following up with Comcast to get a replacement check. issued.

### **Selectmen Items**

- The Board worked on the voter guide that will be sent to all town mailboxes prior to the March 8 election.

At 7:15 Jim motioned to enter 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 openmeeting. 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 was seconded by Jessica and passed unanimously.

At 7:25 Jim motioned to return to public session, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed 3-0.

No decisions were made, and no votes taken.

- Jessica would like to see the building permit application revision completed before Jim leaves office. Jim took the file and will work on it for the next meeting.

### **FYI**

- Aluminum Can recycling income \$150
- Septic approval 262 Forbes Mountain Rd 403-026
- Newfound School District demographic information
- Heating oil prices
- Inquiry from Groton about Selectmen stipend
- Info re mailbox replacement

At 7:34 Jessica motioned to adjourn, seconded by Jim. Motion passed 3-0.

*Respectfully submitted, Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant*