

**Town of Danbury**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 2, 2022, 6:00 PM**

**Members present**            **Jessica Hatch, Chair, Jim Phelps, Tracy Shepard**  
**Also, present**            **Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant, Road Agent Cornell, Robert Crisco**

**Checks/Applications/Signatures)**

- **Payroll & accounts payable** were signed.
- Jim motioned to approve the **minutes** of the 2/2 Selectmen’s meeting, the 2/2 public hearing on the petitioned warrant article for a 5-member Board of Selectmen, and the 2/16 Selectmen’s meeting. Motion was seconded by Tracy and passed unanimously.
- **Building permit – 03-2022B Reese** 37 Buttrick Rd./ 40x40 garage attached to house – Jim motioned to approve the building permit, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed 3-0.
- Mr. and Mrs. **Danforth** requested a **1-year extension on their building permit** issued 4/21/2021 for a barn. The slab has been poured, but due to circumstances beyond their control, they could not start the project. Jim motioned to approve the extension for 1 year, seconded by Tracy. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Veterans credit application/Heath/412-014/** Jim motioned to approve the veterans’ credit, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed 3-0.
- Jim motioned to approve a **tax deferral application for James Roberts** of 208 Littlefield Rd, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed 3-0.
- A vacation request was approved for Karen Padgett.

**Old Business**

- Primex has paid the claim on the Danbury rescue vehicle that was struck by Bristol Ambulance in the amount of the quote from Lakes Region Fire Apparatus, \$983.93.
- In response to two letters from residents of Echo Glen, Jim motioned to take the following action seconded by Jessica. Motion passed 3-0.
  1. Send a letter to the property owner of 20 Hemlock Lane whose building permit for new home construction expires next month. In the meantime, he is living in an RV ( a permit was issued, but also will expire next month). This was composed and signed. The letter advises him of the building permit expiration and asks that he contact the Selectmen’s Office.
  2. On the complaint that a vehicle is in the right of way, a letter will be sent to the property owner giving him 30 days to move the vehicle or it will be towed.
  3. The owner of vacant land on Hemlock Lane(406-147) has been sent three courtesy notices regarding the accumulation of junk and abandoned vehicles and an RV on his property. This will be turned over to the town attorney.
  4. Finally, a letter to the owner of 10 Hemlock Lane to clean up his property as it has become a health hazard.
- The Selectmen’s Voter Guide was reviewed and approved for distribution.

**New Business**

- A realtor has posed questions about property for sale at 138 Littlefield Road. This property is 4.1 acres with a cabin which encroaches on the abutting property, which is owned by the town. Questions include would the town agree to a boundary line adjustment or could the Carroll’s sell the land as raw land and forfeit the cabin to the town. Jim said that it is not in the best interest of the town to do anything at this point. The lot is mostly wetlands and probably could not support a septic system.
- Another lot for sale on School Pond Road has a restriction on it that no septic system or building is to be placed on the lot. This restriction was part of the subdivision plan, where the lot was to be used for beach access for the other properties in the subdivision. The question was asked if an RV could be placed on the property. The Board agreed that no RV’s would be allowed. Jim was on the Planning Board at the time this subdivision was approved, and the intention of the Planning Board was that this lot is not to be sold separately, to be used only for School Pond access.
- A question was raised about undoing an Echo Glen property merger to join one of the lots to another. A subdivision application would need to be done to unmerge the properties.

- A concerned citizen raised questions about property on Dunlap Road. There are a lot of vehicles, equipment and trucks being brought in, the property owners appear to be living in a camper and there may be vehicles traveling on fish and game property.
- Karen informed the Board that the former owner of 58 Davis Road called the office claiming that the deed that transferred the property was fraudulent and asked that the property be transferred back in the town records. She was informed that this is a civil matter that does not involve the town. She has contacted an attorney.
- A call was received from resident who had heard Governor Sununu's state of the state address and wanted to know about all the money the town received and why his taxes weren't lowered. The Board said that any funds received were used to offset increased expenses and to reduce the tax rate.

At 7:00 Jessica motioned to enter nonpublic session per  
***RSA 91-A:3, II(b) The hiring of any person as a public employee.***

Motion was seconded by Jim and passed unanimously.

At 7:15 Jessica motioned to return to public session, seconded by Tracy. Motion passed 3-0.

No decisions were made, and no votes taken.

### **Selectmen Items**

- There was discussion about the Facebook posts circulating about the upcoming election. The feeling is that it is frustrating to have a lot of misinformation circulating when no one has directly asked the questions of the elected officials.
- Jim questioned whether the Board should issue a response to an ad in the Kearsarge Shopper that was published on 3/2.
- 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.
- Jim motioned to post the roads beginning March 7, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed unanimously.
- Selectman Shepard will be here for election day, with Jessica arriving after work at 5pm.
- Jim motioned to lower the purchase order requirement amount for the Highway Department to \$500, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed 3-0.

### **Road Agent Cornell**

The new truck should be ready in a week or so. It will be delivered.

At 8:09pm Jim motioned to enter nonpublic session per  
***RSA 91-A:3, II(b) The hiring of any person as a public employee.***

Motion was seconded by Jessica and passed unanimously.

At 8:18pm Jessica motioned to return to public session, seconded by Tracy. Motion passed 3-0.

Jessica motioned to hire Robert Crisco for the Highway Department at \$18.50/hour, seconded by Jim. Motion passed unanimously.

### **FYI**

- Abatement application filed/ sent to Cindy at CNP
- Infrastructure bill funding programs
- Equalization letter
- Right to know request response
- Memo re construction to begin
- January/February property sales
- Federal drug clearing house queries have been done for highway drivers
- Town Hall water test results
- Walter vacation

At 8:19 Jim motioned to adjourn, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted, Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant*