

Town of Danbury

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

April 6, 2022, 6:00 PM

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

Also present were Deborah Aylward, Barbara Antonides, Heidi Stoddard, Cathy Jo Hatch, Chief Martin

Jessica Hatch opened the meeting at 6:03pm.

Checks/Applications/Signatures)

- **Payroll & accounts payable** were signed.
- March bank reconciliations were signed.
- Ruby motioned to approve the **minutes of 3/30/2022**. Jessica seconded the motion which passed 3-0.
- Intent to Cut – Evitts/Danbury Woods Rd/408-064,408-065,408-066 – Jessica motioned to sign the intent to cut for Evitts, seconded by Tracy. Motion passed 3-0.

Stoddard

In November of 2021 the Board of Selectmen received a request for enforcement from Deborah Aylward to hold Heidi and Perley Stoddard of 15 Challenge in violation of the zoning ordinance and home occupation approval. At that time, Ms. Aylward was told that the issue would be addressed at a future meeting.

Jessica gave the new Board members the background of activity at Ms. Stoddard's. Ms. Stoddard had gotten a building permit (in May 2019) for a shed on her property. The shed could not be placed in the location submitted with the building permit. She called the office and asked if she could place the building on their lot across the road, which the Board members at that time said was fine. The notation of the change in location did not get amended on the building permit nor was it noted in the meeting of the minutes. Ms. Stoddard submitted a new building permit for the structure on 4/6/2022 with the location of the shed in the current location. It meets all setbacks. Jessica made a motion to approve that building permit where the shed is actually located at this time. Ruby asked for clarification that the only change is that the building is on a different piece of the Stoddard's property. Motion was seconded by Ruby and passed 3-0.

Also, a Home Occupation was approved for Ms. Stoddard by the Board of Selectmen to sell baked and cooked products in October of 2019.

Jessica said that in her opinion, Ms. Stoddard does not need a Home Occupation approved by the Town of Danbury in order to sell baked goods. It would be an agricultural use. She asked if the other Board members had a chance to review the material and both had.

Jessica motioned let Heidi Stoddard know that she is allowed to sell baked goods out of her kitchen in this building as an accessory use of an agricultural use and that she no longer needs a home occupation from the Town of Danbury. Tracy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- Town Hall furnace quotes were received from 603 Oil Burner Services for oil and propane furnaces. Another quote will be requested from Inov8v Energy LLC. Also, a request will be made to Nick's Plumbing and Heating to update his quote as it is from last year.

New Business

- Chief Martin has information about a used forestry pumper truck that is for sale in Painted Post, New York. This truck is similar to the new truck they were hoping to purchase for \$300,000 but it was not placed as a warrant article on the ballot this year. The truck is a 2014 that is priced at \$150,000. There is currently \$100,000 in the Fire Truck Capital Reserve, with another \$50,000 to be deposited this year. That would cover the cost of the truck.

He would like to go look at it, along with Forest Fire Jacob Moran, who is a mechanic, and would like the Town of Danbury to cover the mileage expense and the hotel cost. Ruby made a motion to approve the request to check out the fire truck in Painted Post, NY and to reimburse the cost of mileage and a one-night hotel stay. Motion was seconded by Jessica and passed unanimously.

Chief Martin reported that the rescue truck has been repaired by Lakes Region Fire Apparatus. He also inquired about the pay for Fire Department members that take care of administrative concerns and paperwork. The current rate of pay is \$12/hour.

Finally, he asked if the Board had decided about the electronic locks for the Fire Station. Jessica responded that no decision had been made.

- A request was made by phone from the resident at 77 Eastern District Road to have traffic signs placed saying “blind corner” or “children at play”. Jessica will take a look at the area, and it will be discussed at the next meeting. The issue being that this is right at the point where the state-maintained portion meets the town-maintained portion of Eastern District Road. Ruby feels that the “blind corner” sign is a good idea, but the “children at play” is more the responsibility of the property owner. The question was also posed if the Town can place a sign on the state road.
- The owner of property at the end of Sheep Rock Road has requested that the Town open up the road. The road was deeded to the Town in 1989. This will be turned over to our town attorney to see what the Town’s obligation is.
- For the ARPA funds, the Town will need an updated purchase and bidding policy. Ruby suggested reaching out to Lakes Region Planning Commission for assistance.

At 6:57 Jessica motioned to go into nonpublic session, seconded by Ruby per:

RSA 91-A:3, II(b) The hiring of any person as a public employee.

Motion passed 3-0.

The Board returned to public session at 7:23 with motion by Jessica, seconded by Ruby with a unanimous vote. No decisions were made, and no votes were taken.

FYI

- NHDOT scheduled summer paving on NH 104 from Alexandria town line to just past Murray Hill Road.

The Board of Selectmen will meet on Tuesday, 4/5/2022 at 6pm.

At 7:30 Jessica motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ruby. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant