

Town of Danbury
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday May 4, 2022, 6:00 PM

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

Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant

Appointments Road Agent Cornell 7pm

Jessica Hatch opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

Consent Agenda

- Payroll and accounts payable
- Intent to Excavate 405-003 Huntoon .
- Building Permit 09-2022B Bliss 201-099/New front porch, new windows, interior renovations.
- Building Permit 11-2022B Nguyen 413-01/ 12 x 20 shed

Ruby motioned to move the Cook building permit application from the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Jessica. Passed 3-0.

Jessica motioned to approve and sign the remaining items in the consent agenda, seconded by Ruby. Motion passed unanimously.

- Building Permit 10-2022B Cook 404-005-002/new house, storage container - The application as submitted did not include setback dimensions. Also, there was a question about an RV on the property. Karen will reach out to the applicant for more information.

Old Business

- 138 Littlefield Road. Karen received a call from Joe Bruderman who now owns the property at 138 Littlefield Road. He said that after reaching out to abutters to assess possible interest in purchasing the town owned properties adjacent to his lot, he decided to move forward with the lot line adjustment with the Town of Danbury to resolve the cabin encroachment issue.
- To date, only 1 quote has been received for the lighting work at the Town Hall, from Ridge Line Contracting.
- A letter was sent to D. St. Pierre regarding the status of the roads (Class VI)discussed at the previous meeting, (St. Paul's Place and Sheep Rock Road). No response has been received.

New Business

- Matt Apgar has resigned as the Town of Danbury timber appraiser because he has taken a job in Maine.

Road Agent Cornell

Paving quotes were reviewed. Quotes were received from GMI(\$68,972) and Blaktop (\$81,378). Proposed paving projects are High Street, Waukeena Lake Road, an apron on Restful Road. The amount budgeted for paving is \$145,000. There was a typographical error on the GMI quote. Jessica asked Cornell to get a revised quote. Jessica made a motion to approve 3 projects – High St from the end of Route 4 to Martin Farm, Waukeena Road from the boat landing up to LeBaron's mailbox and the Restful Road apron for a total of \$68,962,50, with the quote not to be signed until the typographical error is fixed. Ruby seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Chief Martin

Chief Martin submitted the invoice from Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid (\$16,553.87) which is overdue.

A statement of the payoff amount on the loan for the 2014 pumper truck that the Chief would like to purchase was received. The amount is \$87,390.72 and will be sent to the Community First Bank in Manhattan KS.

He will prepare a purchase and sale agreement for the truck that will need to be signed by the East Campbell Fire Department Chief. The balance of the \$140,000 purchase price (\$52,609.28) will be paid to the East Campbell Fire Department. He is hoping to pick up the truck the weekend of May 14. Tracy was curious as to what the value of the 1975 International pumper truck might be worth. It was suggested that it would be beneficial to use an online auction company to get a higher price.

Selectmen

Selectman Shepard did a site visit to 88 High Street. There is metal, tires and construction debris on the property. There was discussion about whether to clean up the property before selling it or sell it as is. Jessica said that the Town would have to put thousands of dollars up to clean it up and feels like the Town has already spent enough money on the property. It could be sold with the requirement that the buyer clean up the property. The Board will have some no trespassing signs installed.

Selectman Ruby Hill attended the first meeting of the Article 5 Committee, a study committee to investigate and consider a change to the school district funding formula. Information is to be gathered for the next meeting on how districts with similar property values and make up fund their school. The next meeting in May 16 at the middle school in Bristol.

An inquiry was received from Tom Austin on behalf of Nancy Berliner who wants to put a shed on her property on Walker Brook Road to replace a storage container that is on the lot. The lot is small and any building would not meet setback requirements. A building permit was never obtained for the storage container. It was agreed that the property owner would need to go to the ZBA for a variance to construct a shed.

At 7:29 Jessica motioned to enter into nonpublic session per *RSA 91-A:3, II (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a public meeting, and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.* Motion was seconded by Tracy and passed unanimously.

At 7:46 Jessica motioned to return to public session, seconded by Ruby. Motion passed 3-0. No decisions were made, and no votes were taken.

FYI

- Bob's tires fuel surcharge 15%

Jessica motioned to adjourn at 7:48pm, seconded by Ruby. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant