

# TOWN OF DANBURY - Board of Selectmen

## Meeting Minutes      Wednesday, February 5, 2020 6:00 pm

**Members Present:**                      Jessica Hatch, Chair  
    Lyn England  
    James Phelps

Administrative Assistant              Karen Padgett

**Appointments**                              **6:30      Doug Colby**

At 7pm Jim made a motion to open the public hearing to accept unanticipated revenue, seconded by Jessica. Public hearing was opened. Jim motion to accept insurance revenue from Primex for costs related to the Highway Garage fire of 12/1/018 in the amounts of \$29,773.39 and \$2,393.09 and any other revenue from Primex for this purpose. Motion was seconded by Lyn. There was no discussion. Motion to accept the unanticipated revenue passed 3-0.

Jessica motioned to close the public hearing, seconded by Lyn. Motion passed and hearing was closed.

### Checks/Applications/Signatures

- Payroll and accounts payable were signed.
- Jim motioned to approve the minutes from 1/22, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed 3-0.
- **Building Permit Application for Cook 201-069/ 77 Eastern District to remodel existing home, expand kitchen.** Jim motioned to approve the building permit, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed unanimously.

### Old Business:

- Timber tax bills bill were reviewed. Jim motioned to approve the following timber tax bills:
  1. SPNHF 413-006                              \$3,821.26
  2. HUNTOON 412-075                              \$858.93
  3. SRK HOLDINGS 416-060 et al              \$14,910.83
  4. GREEN CROW 412-076                              \$533.68Motion was seconded by Lyn and passed 3-0.
- Quotes for grader repair
  1. Nortrax \$11,000 parts \$144/hr labor plus transportation costs ~\$600-\$800
  2. Marc Mobile \$11,000 parts \$90/hr will do onsite
- Tim Crowley, adjuster for Primex is offering \$5,320.70 for the actual cash value of items we're not replacing. This would complete the contents portion of the insurance. Total amount received is \$81,462.46 for contents of the building. Jim motioned to accept the offer of \$5,320.70, seconded by Lyn. Motion passed 3-0.
- Karen told the Board of conversations with Kayla of NH DOT concerning the old right of way for the highway to Grafton. When the current US Route 4 was built, the state never gave up the right of way for the old highway layout. This right of way runs along the old rail bed and is affecting property owners of 877 US Route 4. More investigation is required on this issue.
- A tree causing concern at the transfer station was removed by the highway crew and the brush pile burned.
- Rick Evans and Doug Miner of DRA looked at the logging operation on New Canada Rd.

**Doug Colby** came in at 6:30 for his requested meeting with the Board of Selectmen. His first request was to ask for Jim Phelps to leave the room because he has a conflict of interest with anything pertaining Colby. His attorney advised him that he had a right to ask him to leave. Jessica stated since it is an open public meeting, Jim did not have to leave.

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He asked about the cease and desist order that was “for his porch”. The work he is doing on his porch is not changing the footprint of the property and he would like to continue to work on his porch. Jessica said that until he completes site plan review with the Planning Board, no work can be done. Since it’s a commercial building, site plan review is needed, and all the correspondence sent to him stated that site plan review is needed. He said he needed clarification. “So I need site plan review on the porch?” Jessica replied that site plan review is needed on everything that he is doing. Mr. Colby thanked the Board and left the meeting.

### **Selectmen Items**

- The Selectmen’s report for the annual town report was reviewed, along with the dedication. Karen will work on adding to the Selectmen’s report.
- Final review of the budget and warrant articles was done in advance of the 1<sup>st</sup> Deliberative Session, scheduled for 2/6 at 7pm. The weather is not looking good and it may have to be postponed to the snow date. That decision would be made by Town Moderator, Tom Curren.
- Karen was asked to send letters out to someone in Echo Glen who is living in a camper, and to another resident who has multiple unregistered vehicles on his property, is building without a permit and has no septic system.
- Twila Cook, Treasurer, would like to close out the police special detail account and use the money toward the police cruiser purchase. The Board will propose an amendment to the warrant article at 1<sup>st</sup> Deliberative Session.
- The abandoned church on High Street was discussed. Jessica said that since it has not been used as a church in several years, it should not be tax exempt. Jim asked that we hold off on that for a bit longer. He is trying to get a clear chain of title on the building but there has not been a deed since 1874.

### **AA**

- Karen filed a claim on behalf of the town for unclaimed property on the state website. The amount is less than \$100. We will have to wait and see what the money was for.
- When filling out a first report of injury for insurance purposes, there is a question asking if there is an active safety committee. Since the safety committee has not met, this response will be no in the future.
- The waste oil grant has been approved for state fiscal year 2019-2020.
- Karen will reply to an email from Dan Hudnut regarding the New Canada Rd turnaround. She will also contact Colin Brown of Central Land Surveying to see if he has had a chance to look for the road layout for the road.

### **Broadband**

- Jeff McIver of Consolidated with meet with Selectmen at 6pm on 2/19.

### **FYI/REVIEW**

- Questions asked by potential buyer of 238 Ford Mill Rd (225 acres)
- Ad for tonight’s hearing
- Septic operation and construction approval 33 Spa Rd 201-074
- Letters sent re: plowing across road

At 8:50 Jim motioned to adjourn, seconded by Lyn. Motion passed and meeting adjourned.

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be on February 19, 2020 at 6:00pm.

At the meeting the Board intends to vote to make broadband public/private benefit findings in accordance with RSA 33:3

Respectfully submitted, Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant.

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