

SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES 6/17/2020 6PM

Date and time: 06/17/20 06:00 am to: 06/24/20 03:20 pm
Present: Selectmen Jessica Hatch, Lyn England, James Phelps
Administrative Assistant Karen Padgett
Location: 23 High Street

Topics

1. APPOINTMENTS

1-1. 6:00 pm Matt Apgar, licensed NH Forester of HHP, Inc in Henniker

The Town of Danbury has been looking for a licensed forester to assist in timber yield tax assessment; someone to review the intent to cut, visit the operation in progress and provide a yield tax matrix sheet for the town to set the assessment. Mr. Apgar and the Board of Selectmen had a conversation about the municipal yield tax services he offers.

No decision was made.

1-2. 6:30 pm Jeremy Cornell, Road Agent

Sand bids were discussed with the Road Agent. Jessica feels that with the current uncertainty regarding the budget and potential revenue losses, only \$30,000 of the \$35,000 budgeted amount for sand should be spent. Road Agent Cornell disagreed with that assessment.

Decision Jessica motioned to go with Phelps Construction to deliver the sand. Motion was seconded by Lyn and passed 2-0. Jim abstained from the vote.

Cornell got bids for paving High Street and doing an overlay on Waukeena Lake Road to the boat landing. GMI is the lowest bidder at \$68.25/ton for a total 82,582.50.

Decision Jim motioned to accept the bid from GMI Asphalt for the paving and the motion was seconded by Jessica. Motion passed unanimously.

1-3. 6:45 pm Russ Jenna, Wild Meadow Road

Mr. Jenna did not show for his appointment.

1-4. 7:00 pm Jim Larkin and Mike Maines, Transfer Station

Transfer Station operations were discussed. Solid Waste costs are up 18% over last year and recycling costs are up 23%. Jim Phelps wondered if the town should investigate discontinuing recycling of paper and plastic because these commodities no longer generate revenue - we pay to dispose of them. The new compactor that is being installed might enable more solid waste disposal in a container.

Construction and demolition debris are also a concern. Are we getting enough revenue to cover the cost of disposal? Is there abuse by local contractors who are doing jobs outside of town and disposing of the C&D in Danbury? Jim noted that the cost in Bristol for a 1-ton truck to dispose of construction debris is \$166.

The tire disposal fee to the Town has increased and that cost is reflected in the fee charged to residents at \$3.00 per tire.

Are people that do not live or own property in Danbury using the Transfer Station? The possibility of a booth to check stickers and take fees was discussed. This would require a 3-man team.

The Board thanked Jim and Mike for coming in to discuss operations at the Transfer Station.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 6/3/2020 MEETING

Decision Jim motioned to approve the Selectmen meeting minutes of 6/3/2020 and the work session minutes of 6/8/2020 as presented. Motion was seconded by Lyn and passed unanimously

3. PAYROLL AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFESTS WERE SIGNED.

4. SIGNATURES

4-1. May bank reconciliations were signed.

4-2. Notice of Intent to Excavate

Huntoon 405-003 2019-2020 and 2020-2021

Decision Jim motioned to approve the Intents to Excavate for 2019 and 2020, seconded by Lyn. Motion passed 3-0.

4-3. Intent to Cut

Scanlan 413-021 Waukeena Lake Rd

Decision Jim motioned to approve the Intent to Cut, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed 3-0.

4-4. Timber Tax Warrants

Conner 411-063-001 19-111-21-T \$303.70

Golden 411-063 19-111-26-T \$189.70

Parent/Thibeault 410-062-006 19-111-01-T\$150.08

Decision Jim motioned to approve and sign the timber tax warrants, seconded by Lyn. Motion passed 3-0.

4-5. Highway purchase order for truck repair

Decision Jessica motioned to sign the purchase order for truck repair, seconded by Jim. Motion carried 3-0.

5. PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BUILDING PERMITS

5-1. 20-2020B McDonough 58 Littlefield Rd 411-076 6 x 9 porch

Decision Jim motioned to approve the building permit that was signed on 6/10/20, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed 3-0.

6. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS

6-1. 21-2020B Riley/Christopher 385 US Route 4 409-070-001 12x28 prefab shed

Decision Jessica motioned to approve, seconded by Lyn. Motion passed 2-0 with Jim abstaining.

6-2. 22-2020B Pellegrino 177 Littlefield Rd 416-010 Finish apartment above garage

Decision Jessica motioned to approve, seconded by Lyn. Motion passed 2-0 with Jim abstaining.

6-3. 23-2020B England 16 Drake Hill Rd 411-109 12'X32' Addition to enlarge bedroom, bath & access areas.

Decision Jim motioned to approve, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed 2-0 with Lyn abstaining.

6-4. 24-2020B Colletti 59 Barry Highlands 409-024 – Basement remodel overhaul to water damage

Decision Jim motioned to approve, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed 3-0.

7. COVID-19

Note PD 1st Responder Stipend check received from the State of NH for Sergeant Marvin

8. OLD BUSINESS

8-1. Per email from Todd Hager, new compactor should be in by the end of the month.

8-2. John MacPherson anticipates starting DCC steeple job in mid July

8-3. Letter to John Dickinson, Hemlock Lane, written and received 6-6-2020.

Note There has been no response from Mr. Dickinson to the letters notifying him that he is in violation of the Danbury Land Use and Zoning Ordinance because he is living in a travel trailer. The next step will be to issue a Notice of Violation

8-4. Can Library buy books, can FD have yearly maintenance done?

Note While the purchase order limits will remain, books can be purchased by the library and the Fire Department can begin to spend for it's budgeted items.

8-5. Response from Kurt Gustafson re junk lot on Hemlock Lane

Note A letter was received from Mr. Gustafson. Jim will review the letter and formulate a response to present to the Board at the next meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9-1. Request from 2020 census to use town hall for training census workers. 8/4 - 8/8 8am - 1pm

Note It was suggested that the Danbury Community Center might be a better option for them so as not to disrupt the day to day operations at the Town Hall.

10. SELECTMEN ITEMS

10-1. Planning Board

Note Jim informed the Selectboard that on 6/9 at a public hearing, the Planning Board approved the conversion of the Ragged Mountain Resort Cardigan Cabins to condominiums.

10-2. Sale of 34 Dean Rd

Note A discussion took place on how best to sell the tax dedeed property at 34 Dean Road. The options are public auction live or online, listing with a real estate agent or a sealed bid process with a minimum bid set. Karen will calculate the amount of taxes, interest and penalties that are due and have it for the next meeting.

10-3. Wagner - Bohonon Rd

Note Jessica questioned what is happening at 284 Bohonon Rd where a building permit was approved for an open porch on the street side of the house. It looks like they are building an addition on the Lilac Lane side.

11. FYI AND REVIEW

- Walter vacation request
- Letter written by Rick Evans, state timber tax appraiser, to Reed re no report for wood cut - New Canada Rd
- HealthTrust likely to issue a surplus distribution to members in the fall. Will know more after Board of Directors meet in October.
- Town of Holderness Planning Board public hearing notice
- Danbury Planning Board public hearing June 23, 2020 - Colby 201-130
- NHMA Legislative Bulletin
- Right to know request from NHPR regarding any settlements between individuals and Police Department
- April and May property sales

At 8:22 Lyn motioned to adjourn, seconded by Jim. Motion carried and meeting adjourned.
The next meeting will be July 1, 2020 at 6pm.