

Town of Danbury
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
August 19, 2020 6:00 PM

Present:

Jessica Hatch, Chairman opened the meeting at 6pm.
Lyn England, Selectman
James Phelps, Selectman
Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant

Checks/Applications/Signatures

- Payroll and accounts payable were signed
- July bank reconciliations were signed.
- Jim motioned to approve the minutes of 8/5 and 8/12, seconded by Jessica. Minutes approved unanimously.
- Jim motioned to approve a \$600 purchase order for the Fire Department for pump testing, Lyn seconded. Approved 3-0.
- Jim motioned to approve a \$339.95 purchase order for Cemetery Dept for a leaf blower, Lyn seconded. Approved 3-0.

Building/Driveway Permits

Signed on 8/12/20: **BP 32-2020B Hannan** 208 Dean Rd 40 x 57 garage . Jessica motioned to approve; Jim seconded. Passed 3-0.

Driveway Permit – Kevin and Terri Cook/Forbes Mtn Rd 404-005-002. Jessica motioned to approve; Jim seconded. Passed 3-0.

New: **BP 33-2020B Stark** /49 Leeds Hill Rd/412-045/Replace asphalt roof with metal . Jim motioned to approve; Lyn seconded. Passed 3-0.

Road Agent Cornell met with the Board to discuss future punch list paving projects. Other projects for the fall include roadside mowing and cleaning out catch basins. The 2008 truck continues to require big repair bills, even though it has not been used much this spring and summer. He will ask for a new truck in the next budget. The crew has been cutting back brush and chipping on Taylor Hill Road this week.

Old Business:

- The agreement for the New Canada Rd turnaround is still being negotiated.
- Per Shelley Winters, NH DOT Bureau of Rail & Transit, before sending a letter to the owner of 717 US Route 4 regarding the complaint that the Board received from a Danbury taxpayer about the noise, smoke and use of the rail trail by motorcycles, she is looking for assurance that the town will enforce the no trespass on the state owned property, as they do not have an enforcement staff. Jim made a motion to respond to the New Hampshire Department of Transportation letter thanking them for their willingness to respond, and asking them if they intend to post the property for no trespassing and inform them that our police chief said that he will attempt to offer assistance as it's available. Jessica seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Per RSA 31:95-b (passed in 1994) Jessica motioned to accept the donation of \$1,000 from George and Carla Heaton to be used as appropriate to maintain and improve the cemeteries in the Town of Danbury. Jim seconded the motion which then passed 3-0.
- A response to Mr. Gustafson of Hemlock Lane will be addressed at a future meeting.
- Per an email from Rick Evans, the NH DRA timber tax appraiser, the mill slips are consistent with the volumes reported for timber operation 19-111-18-T on New Canada Road.
- No response has been received by the 8/15 deadline from the owner of 406-154 Hemlock lane regarding a land use violation for living in a camper. The matter will be referred to town counsel.

New Business:

- Lyn motioned to request \$10,000 from the police vehicle capital reserve fund, per warrant article 3 of the 2020 town warrant, seconded by Jim and passed 3-0.
- A request was received from Mary Ann Crowe requesting an abatement of the interest paid on the timber tax for operation 19-111-22-T. Jim motioned to approve the abatement of interest, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed 2-1 with Lyn voting no.
- Jim motioned to approve chimney repairs at the library, estimated for \$1605, seconded by Lyn with a 3-0 vote in favor.
- Another anonymous phone message was received regarding the transfer station and the number of mattresses being left there. Jessica said that if they would leave a name, the Selectboard could respond.

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- Karen asked if anyone had information about the stones and sand placed at the entrance to the picnic area the Recreation Committee is building adjacent to the rail trail. The Committee requested the stone, Jim stated he moved the sand up from the rail trail parking. Karen reported that Transfer Station employees transported 3 trailer loads of cans to the recycling center and questioned if this money should continue to go to the Recreation Committee as the labor is a cost to the town. Lyn stated that if they handle the recyclable cans, they get the money but if not, it should go to town funds. Jim suggested requesting a meeting with Rec Committee members and ask them about any plans for town property.

FYI/REVIEW

- Reed bill for 08 truck \$3977
- Retirement party for Donald Sullivan 8/23/2020 2-4pm Alexandria Town Hall
- Right to know request previously discussed
- Thank you email from Linda Wilson re Broadband
- Comcast check received \$927.97
- NH DES notice – Dicks store septic approval extended 90 days
- Liability certificate – Sugar Hill Snubbers
- Merrimack County survey and response re 2020 tax receipts

At 7:45 Jim motioned to adjourn, seconded by Lyn. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Padgett

Administrative Assistant