

Town of Danbury
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
September 2, 2020 6:00 PM

Appointments: **Faith Minton, Ken Wells**
 Amy Shepard
 Call in – Cindy Perkins, Assessing contractor
 Election Officials

Present:

Jessica Hatch, Chairman/Lyn England, Selectman/James Phelps, Selectman
Karen Padgett, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was opened at 6pm by Jessica Hatch.

Checks/Applications/Signatures

- Payroll(\$7,005.52) and accounts payable(\$10,151.30) were signed.
- Jim motioned to approve the minutes of 8/19, seconded by Lyn. Minutes approved unanimously.
- A thank you letter for George and Carla Heaton was signed for their donation for town cemeteries.
- Purchase orders:
 1. PD – Safelight Autoglass \$392.20 replace cruiser 1 windshield
 2. PD – OME \$12,370.37 Lights/radio installation on new cruiser 2
 3. PD – The Glen House \$294.00 NHLEAP Training
 4. FD – Harold’s Auto \$1000 Inspect and service Engine 1 and Engine 2Jessica motioned to approve the purchase orders, seconded by Jim. Motion passed 3-0.
- Land Use Change Tax
 1. 414-002 137 Walker Brook Rd Romano/Ziegler \$500.00/Jessica motioned to approve , seconded by Lyn. Motion passed 3-0.
 2. 411-082 32 Wiggin Rd Phelps/Brown \$210.00/Jessica motioned to approve, seconded by Lyn. Motion passed 2-0 with Jim abstaining from the vote.
- Jim motioned to approve and sign a letter to the NH Liquor Commission supporting the Ragged Mountain Resort request to extend liquor license for the Harvest party on 10-18-2020. Motion was seconded by Jessica and passed 3-0.

Building Permits

BP 34-2020B Garry 40 Martin Dr 409-076 House addition, deck and 32 x 32 garage/ Jessica motioned to approve, seconded by Lyn. Motion passed 2-0 with Jim abstaining from the vote.

BP 35-2020B Jenna 284 Wild Meadow Rd 403-009 18 x 24 Storage Barn/Jim motioned to approve seconded by Lyn. Motioned passed 3-0.

BP 36-2020B Grant/Langone 879 US Route 4 412-010 18x27 Carport/Jim motioned to approve, seconded by Jessica. Motion passed 3-0.

Old Business:

- No response has been received from Shelley Winters of NH DOT, regarding Hippie Hill, as she is out of the office until 9/8. Two more voicemail complaints were received on 8/21 and 8/28 about the loud music coming from Dick’s Store.
- Town Counsel is not opposed to the original easement holder consent on the easement document he drafted for the New Canada Road turnaround.
- Town Counsel sent a letter to Mr. Dickinson on Hemlock Lane regarding violation of the land use ordinance by living in a trailer.
- Legal inquiries at NHMA believes the 2007 vote to use funds from recycling for the revolving fund is improper but recommends a town vote to remove the reference so it refers only to revenue from recreation activities.
- A response to Mr. Gustafson of Hemlock Lane will be addressed at a future meeting.

New Business:

- Jim made a motion to authorize Jessica Hatch, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, authority to sign the grant agreement for Election Funding through the Federal CARES Act and the NH Department of State. The motion was seconded by Lyn and passed unanimously. The grant will pay a processing fee for every absentee ballot issued and cast over and above the number of ballots from 2016(12 for primary and 62 for general election).
- A proposal was reviewed from utility appraiser George Sansoucy to assess utilities in the Town of Danbury. A new law takes effect in 2020 that changes the formula for utility assessment. A phone call will be arranged with Mr. Sansoucy to discuss this.
- A claim was filed with Primex for the windshield replacement on the police cruiser.
- An abatement application was received on 8/31 for the Land Use Change Tax of property owner of 415-052.
- HealthTrust will return a surplus of \$1,866.91 in October. The Selectmen opted to take the funds as a contribution holiday.

Selectmen Items

- Residents on Wiggin Road would like to close the road from Ragged Mountain Rd to Dunlap Rd on the afternoon of 9/19. Residents of the road were polled are not opposed to this. The Board will allow it.
- The Board requested letters be sent out to 2 property owners who are in violation of the land use and zoning ordinance.

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- Gary Donoghue of White Mountain Imaging will be donating floor stand dispensers and counter dispensers for sanitizer for the elections.

The Board had a phone call with Cindy Perkins, of Commerford, Nieder Perkins, the town's assessing company so they could ask questions about how the land use change tax is assessed.

The Board met with town election officials to finalize the set up and the safety measures in place for the Tuesday 9/8 primary election.

Visitors

All of the residents of Railroad Drive were in to register concerns about the music and bands that have been playing from Dick's Store. In the past it was only once or twice a summer but this year it has been every weekend starting on Thursday night.

The Board is in the process of working with the State of NH to limit access to the state-owned land across the street.

NH State Representative Ken Wells and candidate for NH State House Faith Minton attended the Board meeting to introduce themselves.

FYI/REVIEW

- survey 201-113
- water test complete – all ok
- August property sales
- Cost to take cans to recycle for Rec Committee

At 8:54 Jim motioned to adjourn, seconded by Lyn. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Padgett

Administrative Assistant