

TOWN OF DANBURY

Board of Selectmen - Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2026

Members present: Jessica Hatch, James Farmer and Frances Bliss, along with Administrative Assistant Holly Surgens.

Additional attendees: Chief Chris Kelby and Diane Blasotto

Jessica Hatch opened the meeting at 6:16pm

Appointments:

Joseph Bruderman @ 6:15pm to discuss well on property.

- *The selectmen discussed work that has been done on the property as well as the well that was constructed. Joe explained that the well was pre-existing and that it is not currently tied into the cabin. The selectmen advised that a permit should have been submitted for the shed over the well as well as the addition added to the left side of the cabin. They also explained that if the well is tapped into the home then an approved septic design is required.*
- Chris Sorrel @ 6:30pm to discuss moderator duties.
 - *The selectmen explained moderator duties and provided information to familiarize himself with state laws and requirements and upcoming election dates.*

Approval of minutes from 6/3/2026

- *Jessica Hatch made a motion to approve the minutes from 6/3/2026, seconded by Frances Bliss. James Farmer abstained*

Consent/Signature Agenda

- Payroll/Accounts payable
- Deed waiver for Phelps | 201-010
- Deed waiver for Surgens | 201-124
- Deed waiver for Turnkey Landfill | 415-057
- Bank Reconciliation for May 2026
- Eversource Petition for Pole License – Roy Ford Rd – 2 Poles
- Lakes Region Planning Commission - Commissioner Appointment letter for Kristen McKenna
 - *Jessica Hatch made a motion to approve all consent/signature items, seconded by James Farmer, all in favor.*

Building/Driveway Permit Applications – None

Old Business –

- Continue review: Current Use with Stewardship Application – Bemis – 201-002 – 210 Old Turnpike Rd.
 - Application to be sent to assessors for further review.

New Business – None

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- Review of email from Electric Co-op regarding Scenic Road information.
 - *No scenic roads in Danbury*

FYI - None

- *All Selectmen and FYI items reviewed.*

Additional discussion:

- *Holly asked if solar batteries and generators require building permits. Jessica explained that they only require permits if there is a structure being built to house them.*
- *Wetton driveway concerns: Letters to be sent regarding temporary driveway closure and concerns about emergency services and large vehicles getting up the steep driveway to the residence.*
- *Driveway standards to be create by the Selectmen.*
- *DCC Septic issues and D-box flush – contact Byron’s for service.*
- *Call Dead River to inquire about service contract for government building yearly heating system maintenance.*
- *General discussion about Bohannon Rd bridge and Jack Wells Rd bridge repair.*
- *Police Chief Kelby discussed the cruiser computer grant and mutual aid with neighboring towns for warrant services. He also spoke about a planned motorcycle rally being held at Ragged Mountain and the concern that neither the town nor police and fire departments were not notified. He also discussed the possibility of having security cameras installed in the Danbury Town Hall.*
- *The Selectmen asked to meet with Tricia Taylor at a future meeting to go over a few issues.*
- *Discussion regarding whether to contact Ruby Hill to determine if she could connect the Board with an attorney who may have knowledge of the process or legal precedent surrounding the return of school buildings to the Towns of Alexandria and Bridgewater following their school closures approximately 25–35 years ago, and whether that information may be relevant to the closure of Danbury Elementary School. The Selectmen agreed that it may be beneficial to do so.*
- *The Selectmen discussed adding a work session to the July meeting scheduled to go over the personnel policy*

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm made by Jessica Hatch, seconded by James Farmer, all in favor.

Meeting minutes prepared by Holly Surgens

Meeting minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen on 7/1/2026