

TOWN OF DANBURY

Board of Selectmen - Meeting Minutes

July 1, 2026

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

Additional attendees: Diane Blasotto

Jessica Hatch opened the meeting at 6:11pm

Appointments:

Don Moyer from Friends of the Rail Trail @ 6:30pm to discuss rail trail bridge work at Roy Ford Rd.

- *Don requested closure of Roy Ford Rd during repair of rail trail bridge, approx. 2-3 days. Jessica advised that there is no other access for larger trucks and a closure may not be possible. Jessica will look into it, speak with the road agent and fire chief and follow up with Don.*

Approval of minutes from 6/17/2026

- *Jessica Hatch made a motion to approve the minutes from 6/17/2026 with amendments discussed, seconded by James Farmer, all in favor*

Consent/Signature Agenda

- Payroll/Accounts payable
- Purchase Order for Highway Dept – United Construction & Forestry – Front Axle for backhoe - \$9531.85
- Purchase order for Tax Collector – USPS – Stamped envelopes - \$1809.05
- Purchase order for PD – Forensic Education LLC – Training - \$525.00
- *Jessica Hatch made a motion to approve all consent/signature items, seconded by James Farmer, all in favor.*

Building/Driveway Permit Applications

- 12-2026B | Vecchito | 56 Drake Hill Rd | 411-106 | Manufactured ranch style double wide mobile home. 28' x 46'
 - *Jessica Hatch made a motion to approve the permit for Vecchito for the manufactured ranch style double wide mobile home. 28' x 46', seconded by James Farmer.*
- 13-2026B | Kennerson | 344 Waukeena Lake Rd | 412-099 | Repair of existing side deck. Add new 12' x 28' deck off rear of house.
 - *Jessica Hatch made a motion to approve the permit for Kennerson for the repair of existing side deck. Add new 12' x 28' deck off rear of house, seconded by James Farmer.*
- 14-2026B | Nile | 1192 Murray Hill Rd | 410-066 | Constructing additional storage space 8' x 13' & goat shed 18' x 16' onto existing shed.
 - *Jessica Hatch made a motion to approve the permit for Nile for constructing additional storage space 8' x 13' & goat shed 18' x 16' onto existing shed, seconded by James Farmer.*
- 15-2026B | Carte | 76 Eastern District Rd | 201-070 | Addition of a 10' x 20' shed
 - *Jessica Hatch made a motion to approve the permit for Carte for the addition of a 10' x 20' shed, seconded by James Farmer.*

- 16-2026B | Martin | 74 Bohannon Rd | 410-013 | Construction of a 24' x 40' Garage
 - *James Farmer made a motion to approve the permit for Martin for the construction of a 24' x 40' garage, seconded by Jessica Hatch.*

Old Business –

- Danbury Elementary School closure – General discussion
 - *Jessica spoke with Ruby Hill who asked attorney Phil Hastings if he could look into the matter of the school closure and building ownership. Phil stated that he was not familiar with that area of expertise of school closings, and he advised to have an attorney who is familiar with municipal school closings to assist. Holly was instructed to reach out to the town attorney to look into the matter further. It was also mentioned that the town has not had any formal communication with the Newfound Area School District School Board or the Danbury School Board Representative regarding the close closure of what they intend to do with the Danbury Elementary School building. Diane Blasotto commented on the ownership of the school. She was advised that we have not had any direct communication and that the school is currently in the hands of the school district.*

New Business – None

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- Capital Improvement Plan email from Karen Padget – Treasurer - Trustees of the Trust Fund
- Review/Approval of Letters for Wetton regarding driveways
 - *Approved to send.*
- Dump Notice – final draft
 - *Jessica Hatch made a motion to move forward with the Dump Notice regarding contractor/construction waste, seconded by James Farmer.*
- Updated Driveway permit draft
 - *Jessica Hatch made a motion to approve the Driveway Permit Application with the change to wording from Police Department and Fire Department to Police Chief and Fire Chief, seconded by James Farmer.*

FYI

- NH Solid Waste Disposal Surcharge Reimbursement Program Info
 - *Holly explained that the program reimburses the town for the fuel surcharges charged by the waste hauling companies. She will submit the quarterly application for the reimbursement.*
- Lakes Region VNA Thank you letter
- Septic System Approval for Pescinski – Mudgett Rd – 410-070
- Septic System Approval for Lambrecht – 75 Littlefield Rd – 411-071
- Septic System Approval for Bolton – 47 Dunlap Rd – 416-090
- Septic System Approval for Lavin – 21 Martin Dr – 412-070
- 3 dry hydrants to install – equipment at phelps garage – extension expires 12/20/2027
 - *Both Jessica and James said they have spoken to Jimmy Phelps, and he stated that the hydrants would be installed this year.*
- Right to know request – Response review

- *All Selectmen and FYI items reviewed.*

Additional discussion:

- *The Selectmen discussed future town bridge repairs to Bohannon Rd bridge and Jack Wells Rd bridge. Jessica proposed that the town focus on repairs on the Jack Wells Rd bridge through the state program and not the Bohannon Rd bridge.*

- *Jessica mentioned 911 address updates for various properties.*
- *General discussion about possible grader training for Highway department.*

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:13pm 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 7/15/2026