

MINUTES
DANBURY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
DANBURY LIBRARY
October 22, 2025

A meeting of the Danbury Town Council was held at the Danbury Library on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Pro-tem Gary East and Council members Steve Shelton, Dave Hoskins, and Jane Tharp. Town Administrator Mike Barsness, Town Clerk Renea Brown, and Town Attorney Eugene Russell were also present. A quorum was recorded.

Absent: None

Visitors present: Sherry Ore, Sherry Whitt, Tammy Rush, Sandy Jarvis, David Rush, Nancy Mabe, Susan Mabe, Debra Wilmoth, and Arnt Sundseth.

Gary East called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

On motion of Steve Shelton, seconded by Jane Tharp, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the agenda as proposed.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT:

Gary East asked if any council member had a Conflict of Interest regarding items on the meeting agenda. No conflicts were expressed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Gary East gave an update on the Christmas program and the tree lighting ceremony. A committee has been formed and met recently. They will be putting lights on the tree on November 8, 2025. Steve Shelton commented that he is heading up the entertainment portion. Old Men in Hats, Tim Sands, Brandon Hooker, and Joey Lemon will be performing.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. On motion of Jane Tharp, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the September 24, 2025, meeting.

2. On motion of Dave Hoskins, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Accounts Payable for the period of September 25, 2025, to October 22, 2025.
3. Bennett Early, representing Gardner and Co., presented the FY 2024-2025 Audit Report. He stated that the fund balance is healthy and the numbers that are skewed from last year are due to grant funding, and this year's final numbers are more typical for the Town of Danbury. He also stated that the audit ran smoothly and he appreciated the assistance provided by town staff.
4. The Public Hearing for a proposed rezone opened at 6:50 PM. Several of the guests who were in attendance spoke in reference to the application to rezone 1.67 undeveloped acres, parcel #6947015657, which lies directly west of 1109 N. Main Street, from R-2/R-3 to M-1. Sherry Ore, Tammy Rush, and Debra Wilmoth had questions in reference to what the meaning of "light industrial" means, as well as what may happen in the future if the owners, Raymond Brown and Sherry Whitt, decide to develop it for some type of manufacturing facility. They were also concerned that there may be some noise pollution problems. Sherry Whitt spoke on behalf of Raymond Brown and stated they have no current intention to develop the property. Public hearing ended at 7:12 PM.
5. On motion of Dave Hoskins, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to adopt Statement of Consistency and Ordinance 2025-04 amending the Official Zoning Map classification of parcel #6947015657 from Residential (R-2/R-3) to Light Manufacturing (M-1).
6. On motion of Dave Hoskings, seconded by Jane Tharp, it was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the Planning Board's recommendation regarding an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance updating Article IX, Section 9-6, Wellhead Protection Overlay District, and set November 19, 2025, for a public hearing on the proposed changes.
7. On motion of Jane Tharp, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to change the December Town Council meeting date from Wednesday, December 17, 2025, to Tuesday, December 16, 2025.
8. Administrator's Report
 - a. There have been quotes requested in reference to getting new town signage.
 - b. The TCC/TAC meeting was attended virtually. The only notable item was a new requirement to conduct a feasibility study prior to submitting projects for funding.

- c. The meeting dates for 2026 are in the process of being completed. They will be available for action at the December meeting.

On motion of Steve Shelton, seconded by Dave Hoskins, it was unanimously RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm.

Gary East
Mayor Pro-tem

Attest:

Renea Brown
Town Clerk

(Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19, 2025, 6:30 PM, at the Danbury Library.)