

MINUTES
DANBURY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
DANBURY LIBRARY
MARCH 25, 2026

A meeting of the Danbury Town Council was held at the Danbury Library on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Gary East and Council members Steve Shelton, Shannon Conner, Andrew Mathys, and Jacob Tilley. Town Administrator Mike Barsness, Town Clerk Renea Brown and Town Attorney Eugene Russell were also present. A quorum was recorded.

Absent: None

Visitors present: None

Gary East called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

On motion of Steve Shelton, seconded by Andrew Mathys, 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: Jacob Tilley informed the council that he has been accepted into the Army Reserves and will be going to training soon. Steve Shelton informed council that the street sign behind the Arts Place has disappeared.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Gary East thanked everyone for the well wishes and prayers during and after his surgery.


NEW BUSINESS:

1. On motion of Andrew Mathys, seconded by Jacob Tilley, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the February 18, 2026, meeting.
2. On motion of Shannon Conner, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Accounts Payable for the period of February 26, 2026 to March 25, 2026.
3. Steve Shelton gave a presentation for the Trail Town update. He presented this via a slide show. The pros and cons were given on making Danbury a Trail Town. The presentation showed how it would help the awareness of Danbury grow and help the town of Danbury become a destination place. Steve also informed council that the town park has been added to the County's park plan.

On motion of Andrew Mathys, seconded by Jacob Tilley, it was unanimously RESOLVED to pursue an official Trail Town designation for Danbury in partnership with Stokes County Tourism Development Authority.

4. Mike Barsness informed council of the current status of budget preparation for the fiscal year 2026-27. He also advised them of the projected final amended budget.
5. Mike Barsness presented the Financial Report for the last 9 months. He stated that there are no revenue or expenditure surprises.
6. Administrator's Report
 - a. Mike informed council that there are a couple repairs that need to be completed at Town Hall. The recently repaired town hall siding needs to be caulked and the sink in the restroom needs to be replaced.
 - b. Mike will be speaking with Eric Woolridge with Destination by Design in reference to the park design and the Town comp plan revisions and Trail Head improvement.
 - c. The Town banners will need to be replaced before next year.

On motion of Jacob Tilley, seconded by Shannon Conner, it was unanimously RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm.



Gary East
Mayor

Attest:



Renea Brown
Town Clerk

(Next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2026, 6:30 PM, at the Danbury Library.)