

**TOWN OF DANVILLE**  
APPROVED SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES  
February 5, 2015  
Danville Town Hall Conference Room (6:00 PM)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Michael Walsh, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

- Dave Houston: Conservation Commission Emerald Ash Borer Project
- Review and Approval of Special Meeting Minutes from February 3, 2015
- NVDA Hazard Mitigation Plans

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Michael Walsh, Doug Pastula, Ken Linsley, Angelo Incerpi, Craig Vance

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Wendy Somers, Town Clerk; Barb & Gary Fontaine, Dave Houston, Tyler Gregorek (VASA), Nancy and Richard Diefenbach, Todd McCosco.

**VISITORS**

• Dave Houston presented information on the Emerald Ash Borer, and asked permission to implement the commission's pre-emptive plan for management. The commission surveyed the areas by the school, Hill Street and Grandview and marked Ash trees on a map. The commission asked for board's permission to mark the Emerald Ash trees with a spot of blue paint in the Town's right-of-way. They want to train a crew and start in the spring. Discussion continued about contacting landowners. It was suggested that Dave check with other towns to see how they contact landowners prior to marking any trees. Other discussion points were the responsibility of the State and utility companies if trees were in utility lines and the school would be responsible for the removal of trees on their property. After much discussion, it was the consensus of the board to have Dave make his best effort to notify the town that the commission will be marking the trees in the town's right-of-way. Dave will contact the landowner directly if there is any question whether or not a tree is in the town's right-of-way.

Dave also left two Town Forest Plans with the board that needed to be reviewed and signed off on. Ken Linsley will take them to review.

- Tyler Gregorek presented a map with three miles of trail for the Class 4 Maintenance and Property Agreement. It was the consensus of the board that this property was in Walden, not Danville, and they could not give him permission.

- Todd McCosco spoke about the error printed in the February issue of NorthStar newspaper that said the board had approved the road name change for McCosco Road. He stated that he spoke to Justin Lavelly and he didn't admit the error but said he would correct it in the next issue. Mary asked Todd if he gave any explanation as to why he printed the vote of the road name change as he did. Todd said he did not. Mary asked Todd if he got the impression that Justin understood which way the board voted on the name change. Todd said it seemed clear that Justin understood the vote to change the name of McCosco road was rejected. The board questioned why he printed it with the opposite outcome. Mary presented a thread of emails between her and Justin, outlining that, after some confusion, it appeared to her it was clear to Justin that the road name would *not* be changed. The consensus of the board was that it was an editorial mistake, not an informational mistake. The board questioned why the minutes are supplied as a Word document and not a PDF. Mary reminded the board that this issue has been addressed several times in the past few months and the board voted originally to have anyone interested in the minutes get them from our website. After Justin was present at the December 4, 2014 meeting, the board voted to provide the minutes as a Word document, with Justin's assurance of fewer mistakes because he could cut and paste rather than re-key information. Discussion continued as to whether there was pressure to provide minutes before they were complete and if it is extra work to provide a Word document vs. a PDF. Mary informed the board that the only pressure lies in being interrupted while writing the minutes from the second meeting of the month and that they are typically being written on the same day Justin needs them for his deadline. She added that attaching a Word document requires the same effort as attaching a PDF.

Craig Vance then made the motion that anyone who wants the minutes should get them from our website or off the bulletin board at the Town Hall. Motion was seconded by Doug Pastula. The board voted 2-3 against the motion. Discussion continued as one member added that, because most people only see the selectboard minutes in the NorthStar, it is critical to have them published correctly. Some members felt very strongly that, as representatives of the town, they should take this issue of perpetuating the publishing of false information very seriously. Other members felt that this was just an unfortunate error. The consensus of the board was to make certain that the correction regarding the McCosco Road name change be published in the March issue of NorthStar and that Mary not be pressured into releasing any minutes to a publication.

## **MINUTES**

- January 22, 2015 Meeting Minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Angelo Incerpi to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Doug Pastula, voted on and passed.
- February 3, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Ken Linsley to accept the minutes with one change: *that Pam Amsden be corrected to Pat Amsden*. The motion was seconded by Angelo Incerpi, voted on and passed.

### **TOWN CLERK REPORT – Wendy Somers**

- Wendy stated that the board voted to approve the budget at the last meeting but did not vote to approve the amounts. Doug Pastula made the motion to propose, for purposes of approval at town meeting, a general budget of \$665,736 and a highway budget of \$1,577,862. Motion was seconded by Angelo Incerpi, voted on and passed.
- The engagement agreement for the external audit is in. Doug Pastula made the motion for Michael Walsh to sign the engagement agreement for the audit from Corrette & Associates. Motion was seconded by Angelo Incerpi, voted on and passed.
- Wendy brought to the attention of the board that under “Equipment Assets” the approval for giving the spreader to the school was never in the minutes. Ken Linsley made a motion to note the authorized transfer of this asset in lieu of payment for use of their tractor. Motion was seconded by Craig Vance, voted on and passed.
- NVDA (Northeastern Vermont Development Association) information was reviewed regarding mega-grant funds for FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plans. There is a 25% match, making the town’s cost \$3,950. The board asked about time-frame and in-kind services. Wendy will contact Bruce Melendy with these questions.

### **ISSUES AND INFORMATION – Mary Currier**

- A meeting with Michael Wright (CALEX) and Troy Cochran (FD) is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 1:00 PM at the Town Hall conference room. Michael Walsh and Doug Pastula will also attend, as well as a representative from Danville Rescue. The meeting is to: outline expectations; improve working relationships; address lift assist with CALEX; address arrival on scene issues; blocking access to scene issues; address that the fire department is not medical; and develop a mutual aid agreement. The meeting will be facilitated by Mary Currier.
- Mary presented a letter to the board from Renewable Energy VT, urging the board not to sign the petition from the Town of Rutland that they already signed at the January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. No action was taken.
- A motion was made by Doug Pastula to table the Rte. 2 Finance and Maintenance Agreement. Motion was seconded by Angelo Incerpi, voted on and passed.
- Discussion continued on the Bike/Ped Scoping Study. The consensus of the board was to have a table at town meeting with one or two board members and Tim Ruggles so he could answer any questions from townspeople. Wendy will contact Tim to ask if he is available that day.

### **FINANCIALS**

- All orders were reviewed and signed.

At 8:02 PM, Ken Linsley made the motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Craig Vance, voted on and passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary L. Currier  
Clerk of the Board