

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
TOWN OF DANVILLE HELD MARCH 1, 2016**

**The Town of Danville Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 10:19 a.m. at the Danville School on Tuesday March 1, 2016. Dr. Thomas Ziobrowski led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Danville School Band played the National Anthem, with Bradley Smith following with the reading of the Civil Invocation**

**The following Articles were voted on:**

- 1. To elect a Moderator.** - Selectboard Chair Michael K. Walsh invited nominations for Moderator. Dr. Thomas Ziobrowski was nominated by Jenness Ide . With no other nominations, the Clerk was instructed to cast one vote for Dr. Thomas Ziobrowski.

Dr. Thomas Ziobrowski then read Roberts Rules and Town Meeting announcements.

Michael K. Walsh then introduced the Board members and Mary Currier, the Assistant to the Selectboard.

- 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Town Report as printed for the year ending December 31, 2015.** – William “Sandy” Hauserman moved to accept the Town Report as printed. The article was seconded by Kimberly Prior and voted in the affirmative.
- 3. To elect a Selectboard member for a term of three years.** – Jenness Ide nominated Douglas Pastula for the term of three years. With no other nominations, the Clerk was instructed to cast one vote in the name of Douglas Pastula for Selectman for the term of three years.
- 4. To elect two Selectboard members for a term of one year each.** - Tim Ide nominated Kenneth Linsley for the term of one year. With no other nominations, the Clerk was instructed to cast one vote in the name of Kenneth Linsley for Selectman for the term of one year.

Walt Smith then nominated Craig Vance for the second term of one year. Chris Scott nominated Kellie Merrell for a term of one year. Kellie and Craig both spoke to the audience on their background and their desire for the position. With no other nominations, a paper ballot was requested. On a vote of 130 for Kellie Merrell, 120 votes for Craig Vance, Kellie Merrell was elected to the Selectboard for a term of one year.

- 5. To elect a Lister for a term of three years.** - Tim Ide was nominated for Lister for the term of three years. With no other nominations, the Clerk was instructed to cast one vote in the name of Tim Ide for Lister, for the term of three years.
- 6. To elect a Tax Collector.** - E. Tobias Balivet nominated Edward Ledo as Delinquent Tax Collector. With no other nominations, the Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Edward Ledo for Delinquent Tax Collector.
- 7. To elect one or more Town Grand Jurors.** – E. Tobias Balivet nominated John Blackmore. With no other nominations, the Clerk was instructed to cast one vote in the name of John Blackmore for Town Grand Juror.
- 8. To elect a Town Agent.** - Wendy Somers nominated E. Tobias Balivet. With no other nominations, the Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for E. Tobias Balivet for Town Agent.
- 9. To elect a Town Agent for Real Estate.** - Wendy Somers nominated E. Tobias Balivet. With no other nominations, the Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for E. Tobias Balivet for Town Agent for Real Estate.

10. **To elect any other Town Officers.** - With no other Town Officers to be elected, the article was passed over.

A motion was then made to combine Articles 11-23. With no discussion the motion carried by voice vote. The Moderator then read the following articles in their entirety.

11. **“Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,700.00 to assist the Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Vermont in providing services to senior citizens in the ensuing year?”**
12. **“Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to Catamount Film and Arts?”**
13. **“Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,600.00 to Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice to be used in providing health care services?”**
14. **“Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$38,913.60 to Danville Rescue Squad to assist in providing services to residents of the Town of Danville?”**
15. **“Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to support the Danville Senior Action Center, Inc.?”**
16. **“Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,196.00 for the support of the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium to provide services to residents of the Town?”**
17. **“Shall the Town of Danville vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$500.00 for the support of Kingdom Animal Shelter to provide services to residents of the Town? The funds will be used for the care of stray unwanted cats brought into the shelter including food/litter and veterinary care (including spay/neuter, vaccinations, and FeLV testing) to prepare them for adoption.”**
18. **“Shall the Town of Danville vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$2,306.00 for the support of Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, to support the provision of 24 hour, 7 days a week emergency/crisis services to residents of the Town?”**
19. **“Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$750.00 to Northeast Kingdom Youth Services to support their work with youth and families in our community?”**
20. **“Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$28,000.00 to assist the Pope Memorial Library in meeting its operational expenses?”**
21. **“Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,400.00 for services provided by Rural Community Transportation (“RCT”) to residents who live in Danville?”**
22. **“Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to assist the West Danville Community Club in maintaining Joe’s Pond Beach?”**
23. **“Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 to Umbrella, Inc. to be used in providing services to victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children, and families seeking child care and child care providers?”**

The moderator then called the vote, which carried by voice vote.

24. **“Shall the Town vote to adopt the proposed General Fund budget of \$549,811.00 for the ensuing year, and authorize the Selectboard to assess a general Town Tax in an amount sufficient to support the adopted budget?”**  
 (By Australian Ballot) – The Moderator opened the floor for discussion. A question from the floor was asked how the budget compared to the prior year. Michael K. Walsh stated that there was no increase from the prior year. With no additional discussion, the Moderator moved to the next article.
25. **“Shall the Town vote to adopt the proposed Town Highway budget of \$1,491,383.00 for the ensuing year, and authorize the Selectboard to assess a Town Highway Tax in an amount sufficient to support the adopted budget?” (By Australian Ballot)** – Gary Farrow then asked how the Highway budget compared to the prior year. Michael K. Walsh stated that there were no increases in the highway budget from the prior year. With no discussion, the Moderator moved to the next article.
26. **To see if the Town will vote to pay property taxes to the Town Treasurer on or before October 25, 2016.** – Hollis Prior moved the article as warned, which was seconded. The article carried. Jenness Ide then recognized the Selectboard, Road Foreman and the Treasurer for their work on the budget.
27. **To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money for the Town expenses and refund indebtedness not to exceed 90% of the anticipated taxes and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the Town therefore.** Walt Smith moved the article as warned, which was seconded. The article carried.
28. **“Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to apply for grants and to accept and expend grants or gifts for the use and benefit of the Town?”** – A motion was made by Virginia Incerpi, which was seconded. The article was carried.
29. **To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.**

Eric Bach made an announcement that the Danville Fair would be held August 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, which was a change from the Town Report date.

William “Sandy” Hauserman, School Board Chair, then spoke on the vote to move the annual School District meeting to May 17, 2016. He thanked the teachers at the Danville School and talked about the future direction of the schools programs and services offered.

Matthew Goldrick then thanked Craig Vance for his service to the Town as a Selectboard member.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was voted to adjourn at 11:17 a.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Wendy M. Somers, Clerk**

**Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Dr. Thomas F. Ziobrowski**  
**Moderator**

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**Michael K. Walsh**  
**Chairman of the Board**