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- V. As a condition for obtaining such a permit, the person shall post a bond by cash or certified check to the Town of Danville in the sum of \$500.00 for the purpose of making repairs to roads, bridges, ditches, rights-of-way or culverts occasioned by the activity of such person in the course of the wood harvest and transport of the product of such harvest.
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- VII. Portions of the bond not used for repair shall be refunded to the person to whom the permit was issued. In the event the cost of the damage repair exceeds the security posted, the person to whom the permit was issued shall be liable for all such remaining damages, including reasonable attorney's fees incurred to collect the same.
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Adopted this 2nd day of June, 2005 by the Danville Selectboard.

A true copy: ATTEST:

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