

TOWN OF DANVILLE
APPROVED SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 6, 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

- Geocaching on the LVRT
- Approval of Bulky Waste Day Poster from Jim Ashley

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Walsh, Craig Vance, Doug Pastula and Ken Linsley.

ALSO PRESENT:

Wendy Somers (Town Clerk), Keith Gadapee (Road Foreman), Ron Gauthier, Jeff Frampton, Edgar Puesan (Renewable Generation, LLC), Norman Patenaude (Pike Industries), Richard Diefenbach, Kellie Merrell, Steve Larrabee.

VISITORS:

- Edgar Puesan was present from Renewable Generation, LLC to discuss the solar project being developed on Windy Acres Road:
 - He presented maps of the project.
 - The board asked about the nature of the screening around the project.
 - Mr. Puesan stated that 10 to 20 evergreens would be planted that are to be 10 feet tall at planting. This would be to shield it from adjoining landowners.
 - The total area of panel coverage is to be four (4) acres.
 - The panels will be stack one on top of the other.
 - The fence around the project is to be a 12-foot black chain link.
 - He asked that a property setback agreement waiver be signed by the board, stating that the project, as planned, proposes to install solar panels that are *less* than 50 feet away from adjoining property boundaries.
 - Mary Currier read the email submitted by Angelo Incerpi (who could not be present); the email emphasized concerns about property taxes, taxing solar projects, adverse impact on adjoining properties and protecting property values of our taxpayers.
 - Mary also reminded the board that they had a copy of the letter from David and Corinne Chamberlin to the Public Service Board. They are residents of Windy Acres Road and not in favor of this solar project.
 - Craig Vance made the motion to have the Development Review Board address this issue of the waiver pertaining to the Windy Acres Solar project; motion was seconded by Ken Linsley, voted on and passed.

- Ron Gauthier was present on behalf of the LVRT:
 - He asked if the town would be willing to mow the trail with the shared mower with St. Johnsbury.
 - Keith Gadapee stated the town has 50% use of the mower in the summer.
 - Areas for turnarounds were discussed.
 - Hours for road crew to work were discussed.
 - Maintaining road sides before trail was mowed was discussed.
 - Craig Vance made the motion to have the road crew mow the LVRT with one pass during the summer and two passes during the fall as the crew has time after all roadsides are maintained and this will be revisited next year. The time required to do this will be recorded. Motion was seconded by Ken Linsley, voted on and passed.
- Richard Diefenbach was present to discuss hours of Wood Dump being open:
 - The dump has been open the first and third Saturday of each month this summer (with the exception of July 4th).
 - No one used the dump on Saturday, August 1st.
 - Richard suggested a sign be placed at the gate of the wood dump with the hours it is open. Ken and Mary will work on creating a sign.
 - Craig asked if the hours are posted on the website; Mary said yes.
- George Baxter was on the agenda but not present to discuss reimbursement for traffic violations on state roads.
 - He had submitted a memo to the board outlining the steps to be taken if the board chooses to become eligible to receive a portion of monies generated from traffic violations on state roads.
 - The board reminded everyone that the current ordinance is for town roads *not* state roads.
 - At this time the contract with the Sheriff's department was reviewed and noted that, even though it is for January 1 to December 31, the amount of ten (10) hours per week of patrol do not begin until August 1st.
 - The board instructed Mary to inform Mr. Baxter that the sheriff will perform regular patrols in West Danville.

MINUTES

- July 16, 2015 Meeting Minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Ken Linsley to accept the minutes with the following changes: on page 2, ATV Discussion, last sentence should read: Jeff Frampton reported that ATV traffic on Penny Lane *during hours patrolled by the sheriff* has been non-existent; and on page 3, under Issues and Information, *the board would like to have a breakdown of the tax rates to include highway, municipal and educational; and have the previous year's figures for comparison.* The motion was seconded by Doug Pastula, voted on and passed.

TOWN REPORT (Wendy Somers)

- The Better Back Roads grant for \$10,000 was confirmed.
- The Canopy Grant for the Conservation Commission was confirmed.
- Letters were sent to companies to seek input on upgrading the vault to achieve additional volume.
- Information on a Diesel Grant was sent to Keith and Mary.

HIGHWAY REPORT (Keith Gadapee)

- The only paving bid that was received was opened:
 - Pike Industries submitted 2,422 tons @ \$73.85 totaling \$178,864.70
 - Craig Vance made the motion to accept the bid from Pike Industries to pave a 2.5" base and 1.5" top not to exceed \$178,864.70 on the following roads: Cedar Lane, Sugar Ridge, Windswept Lane, Meadow Lane, Keiser Pond Road, Joe's Brook Road.
 - Motion was seconded by Ken Linsley.
 - There was discussion about the asphalt being recycled; Mr. Patenaude confirmed that it was.
 - The motion was voted on and passed.
 - Doug Pastula then made the motion to have Michael Walsh sign the paving agreement with Pike Industries on behalf of the selectboard.
 - Motion was seconded by Ken Linsley, voted on and passed.
- The loader is back and painted.
- The Joe's Brook road rebuild and repaving job has begun.
- The curb cut for Justin Morgan on Cormier Road was resubmitted to the board.
 - Doug Pastula made the motion to approve the curb cut for Justin Morgan on Cormier Road now that it has been approved by the DRB.
 - Motion was seconded by Craig Vance, voted on and passed.
- The salt agreement with Cargill was presented to be signed.
 - Craig Vance made the motion to have Michael Walsh sign the salt agreement on behalf of the board from Cargill for 800 tons of bulk deicing salt delivered at \$80.56 per ton.
 - Motion was seconded by Ken Linsley, voted on and passed.
- Keith is working on borrowing the speed detector machine from the VTrans.

(Note: at 7:10 PM, Michael Walsh excused himself from the meeting and Craig Vance took over as Vice-Chair).

- Keith asked permission to pursue hiring Work Camp workers for miscellaneous jobs.
 - Ken made the motion to allow Keith to pursue hiring the Work Crew.
 - Motion was seconded by Doug Pastula, voted on and passed.

ISSUES AND INFORMATION (Mary Carrier)

- The agreement document for the tanker sale was tabled until a full board is present.
- The stump dump certification comments were addressed.
 - Ken Linsley made the motion to table this issue until a full board is present. Motion was seconded by Doug Pastula, voted on and passed.
- The sewer application was addressed: the current application revised in March 2015 is not complete and Mary Carrier and Sharon Daniell are revising it to be in compliance with the ordinance. The revised application and the sewer ordinance will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Trash was discovered over the bank on Water Andric Road. Josephine Guertin has addressed this issue. The consensus of the board was to have Water Andric Road included on Green-Up Day.
- The Planning Commission has a hearing scheduled for Thursday, August 27th (7:30 PM - Town Hall conference room) to amend the Danville Town Plan by attaching a map of Danville's Village Center Designation to page 15 of the Town Plan.
- Northeastern Vermont Development Association's (NVDA) Regional Plan for NEK has been updated and there are two hearings scheduled for comments: Monday, August 24, 2015 at 6:00 PM at second floor conference room of the Emory Hebard State Office building in Newport; and Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at 6:00 PM in the NVDA conference room in St. Johnsbury.
- Joe's Pond Water Testing results were: July 24th four (4) colony forming units; August 5th two (2) colony forming units. Kellie Merrell suggested publicizing the positive test results in a page of the next town report. The consensus of the board was to have Kellie coordinate this information with Wendy Somers for next year.
- There is a Lamoille Valley Rail Trailhead dedication in West Danville at Joe's Pond Beach on Thursday, August 27, 2015 from 5:00-6:00 PM.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Darrell Lasell from Williamstown notified the selectboard office that he will be geocaching along the LVRT in Danville. He said he had this approved by VAST.
- A Bulky Waste Day poster was presented. The event is September 19th from 8:00 – 3:00 at the Wood Dump and will be for hazardous waste. Paint not included.

FINANCIALS

- All orders were reviewed and signed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:15 PM Ken Linsley made the motion to adjourn; motion was seconded by Doug Pastula, voted on and passed. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary L. Carrier, Clerk of the Board