

**TOWN OF DANVILLE**  
APPROVED SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES  
August 20, 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**

- NEKWMD Feasibility Study Results
- Notice of Alleged Violation – Categorical Disposal
- Caledonia-County Democratic Committee Request to Plant Tree on the Green
- Sandy Hauserman re: School Board Report

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Wendy Somers, Keith Gadapee, Kathy Oberle, Joanne Adams, Kristin Barany, Mary Kay and Dan Wyand, Henrietta Splain, Louis and MaryAnne Cassani, Danny Hale, Eliza and Christine Wakefield, Gary and Barb Fontaine, Jeff Santo, Joe and Pamela Hebert, Leo Buttura, George Baxter, Kellie Merrell, John Dauteuil, Chandler Gilman, Deb Yonker, Vince Foy, Jeff Merrell, Loretta Merrell, Don Sherwood, Kyle Brown, Sandy Hauserman, Robert Barany, Thomas Berrian, Chris Kirk, Ann Halstead, Mark Nicholson, Dawn and Peter Brittain, Tom Beattie, Sam Shippee.

**VISITORS:**

- Joe Hebert asked the board to consider plowing snow during winter months on Olde Homestead Road at Joe's Pond because there are eight full-time residents. Keith Gadapee confirmed that he would need to plow with the pick-up truck. Before making a decision and setting a precedent, the board asked Keith to identify other Class IV roads that might need plowing for budget consideration.
- George Baxter asked the board to consider passing an ordinance to regulate speed on paved roads in order to become eligible to receive a portion of monies generated from speeding citations. The consensus of the board was to have Mary contact VLCT for a model ordinance.
- Sandy Hauserman spoke about the schoolboard's process of going with school choice. The schoolboard will meet on September 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM for a roundtable discussion on the pros and cons of school choice. Public is welcome. There will be a CCSU Executive Board meeting following that meeting. Sandy also added that the schoolboard is working toward college courses being offered by a four-year college, rather than the current two-year college.

## **MINUTES**

- August 6, 2015 Meeting Minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Craig Vance to accept the minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Doug Pastula, voted on and passed.

## **ORDINANCE REVIEW**

- Mary Currier submitted a revised sewer application and a certificate of compliance/connection for the board to review. The consensus of the board was to make certain that all application information correlates to the wording of the ordinance and to have Mary move forward with preparing a revised ordinance for future inspection and eventual adoption at an appropriately warned hearing.
- Mary presented comments from Lori Vogel, president of S-Ski-Mos, who was asked by the board to review the snowmobile portion of the ordinance for snowmobiles and ATVs. The consensus of the board was that her suggestion to include verbiage for parking at the school during the annual spaghetti dinner held there was a school issue and not relevant to the town ordinance.

## **ATV FORUM DISCUSSION**

- Ken Linsley had asked that this issue be revisited, as concerns have been mounting regarding ATV traffic on some roads. Many residents were present in support of creating a forum for discussing this issue.

- The mutually agreed upon date of Saturday, September 26, 2015 at 7:00 PM was chosen. The forum will be held upstairs in the Town Hall. Ken Linsley stated that only factual information is to be brought to the forum and not emotions. Some residents questioned this as they felt very emotional about issues that are needing to be addressed.
- Mary Currier asked to speak about the conflictual nature of this and the process of resolving conflict. She wanted everyone to be aware that this may be the first of many discussions. And most likely emotions will be involved because, based on the number of people present at this meeting, it is obvious how important being heard is. Mary also reminded the board that not allowing all the voices to be heard would only discount their feelings and shut down the possibility of moving forward to resolve this conflict.
- There will be a 30-day warning of the special meeting.
- Taxpayers, landowners and registered voters will be given a chance to speak.
- Ken Linsley suggested the use of a moderator. No decision was made.
- The ATV/Snowmobile ordinance will be uploaded to the website.

## **TOWN REPORT (Wendy Somers)**

- Information on renovating the vaults is still being gathered.
- Job descriptions and job performance reviews are going to be given to all Town Clerk employees.
- Property taxes can now be paid online with a \$3.00 processing fee. Water and sewer payments will be set up later if the property tax payments go well.
- To date, property tax revenue is \$311,906.58

- Invoices to repair truck #10 exceeded the insurance claims estimate. Invoices not taken into consideration at the time will be submitted to the insurance company for reimbursement.
- Wendy is developing a certificate of completion for curb cuts.
- Current outstanding balance for delinquent taxes is \$130,758.57.
- Wendy asked if letters should be sent to heating fuel companies or put out to bid.
  - Craig Vance made the motion for the Town Clerk to put advertisements for heating fuel out to bid.
  - Motion was seconded by Doug Pastula, voted on and passed.

### **HIGHWAY REPORT (Keith Gadapee)**

- A curb cut for Joel Currier on Harvey's Hollow Road was presented with Keith's comments and recommendation for approval.
  - Ken Linsley made the motion to approve the curb cut for Mr. Currier.
  - Motion was seconded by Doug Pastula, voted on and passed.
- Keith is researching grant money available to upgrade diesel engines.
- Information on Additional Stormwater Mitigation Funding from 2015 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) was provided. The consensus of the board was to have Keith pursue funding.
- A policy for removing/trimming trees in town right-of-ways that might be a traffic hazard was addressed. While there is no official policy in place to address this issue, the consensus of the board was to address each concern on a case to case basis, perform a site visit if necessary with one selectboard member and the road foreman, and invite the homeowner to a selectboard meeting to discuss resolving the issue.
- The first mowing of the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (LVRT) was done in half the time estimated and consisted of 13.2 miles roundtrip.

### **ISSUES AND INFORMATION (Mary Currier)**

- Joe's Pond Water testing results for August 11<sup>th</sup> was 45 colony forming units.
- A letter written to the Public Service Board by Angelo Incerpi was presented; the consensus of the board was to have areas of the letter explained in further detail.
- Copies of the energy audit for North Danville School were given to the board.
- The agreement document for the sale of the tanker was discussed. Michael Walsh will draft an agreement outlining the payment structure and secure the license plates by the next meeting.
- The Rte. 2 Agreement with the State was reviewed by Judy Corso, and copies of her comments provided to the board. The board will review for the next meeting.
- Enforcing "No Parking" at the recycling center was discussed. Cars are parking directly in front of the loading dock which makes it impossible for NEKWMD to pick up recycling. The consensus of the board was to make "warnings" to place on car windshields stating cars will be towed if they continue to block the loading dock.
- The elevator lift was inspected on Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> by Vermont Elevator Co.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

- The results of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District's feasibility study showed that recyclables will be collected the same way they have been.
- A notice of alleged violation for Danville Categorical Disposal was received for failure to submit annual report. Mary is working with Paul Tomasi to file this.
- There was a request from the Caledonia County Democratic Committee to plant a tree on the green to honor someone: the consensus of the board was not to allow this, as it would set a precedent.

**FINANCIALS**

- All orders were reviewed and signed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:17 PM Doug Pastula 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