

Town Of Danville
Approved Selectboard Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2016

Danville Town Hall (6:00 pm)

Board Members Present: Michael Walsh, Douglas Pastula, Kenneth Linsley, Angelo Incerpi and Kellie Merrell.

Also Present: Wendy Somers, Keith Gadapee, Gary & Barb Fontaine, Virginia Incerpi, Kathy Oberle, Dawn Pastula, Lori & Bebo Webster, Sharon Daniell, Virginia Morse, Danny Hale, Ann Halstead, Julie Grenier, Chris Kirk, Jeff Frampton, Jeff Merrell, Judith & Jerry Rankin, Susannah Morlock, Sally Fishburn, Deb & Lyn Bixby and Bridget Ferin-Smith.

1. **Meeting was called to order** by Chairman Michael Walsh at 6:00 pm.
2. **A request** was made by Michael for a volunteer to take minutes. Keith Gadapee offered.
3. **Additions to the agenda** were discussed and noted by Michael.
4. **Visitors:** Danny Hale from VASA asked the board if there was any intent by the board to open a corridor ATV trail for 2017 because mapping needed to be completed in December. He pointed out that the October 1st approval deadline had passed. The board responded by saying that they would consider corridor trails as they came in from the club at any time regardless of the date. Danny said that the maps needed to go to print now for 2017 and didn't realize the club were the ones to do this leg work to comply with the ordinance. After some further discussion, Danny felt it was not possible to get Danville's trails on the map for next year and that they would pick up their signs and no longer be in Danville for now.
5. **The Meeting Minutes** were unanimously approved. MMB Angelo, 2nd Ken
6. **Correspondence: Michael** read a resignation letter from Mary Currier. Discussion pursued. Board members Kellie and Angelo did not intentionally attack Mary personally during a board meeting and other times as referenced. All felt bad about the results. Members from the public also felt the board's comments were harsh towards Mary while some felt it seemed to be misinterpreted. MMB Doug to very regretfully accept Mary's resignation. 2nd by Angelo. Motion Passed all in favor. **Doug also read a letter he had written** highlighting some of the same conversations during the past selectboard meeting. He felt that they were uncalled for and understands how Mary could have taken them as very negative or degrading comments. He requested that his letter be filed with this meeting's approved minutes as public record. Board agreed to attach. **Barb Fontaine read a letter** highlighting the same conversation and felt similar to Doug. She also asked if any Selectboard members had attended any of the ATV meetings held before the mediations

- because Barb felt that there was bias on two Board members. Kellie responded she had attended one meeting on the concerned citizens' side.
7. MMB Kellie, 2nd by Angelo to **appoint Glenn Herrin to Planning Commission**. All in favor
 8. **The replacement of the Assistant to the Selectboard** was discussed and it was decided to examine the job description thoroughly before advertising the open position.
 9. The Board tabled the **Sherriff's Contract**.
 10. Wendy Somers agreed to continue with the work that Mary was doing on accepting the **Windswept Properties** highway deed.
 11. The Board was notified that Peggy Cochran is no longer interested in the **Emergency Management Position** after her term was up. Glenn Herrin was suggested for a replacement.
 12. **The Board signed the ATV Ordinance** that was approved after filling in the dates that were blank.
 13. Ken agreed to continue the work on the **Waste Water Treatment Facility appeal**.
 14. The board asked Wendy to clean up the **OSHA** violations with a check of \$500.00
 15. Kellie volunteered to research a replacement for the **Animal Control Officer**.
 16. The locks were changed on the **North Danville School** to help control the traffic in and out of the building.
 17. Ken asked Board Members to critique the **Model of Board Procedures** that he handed out last meeting and suggested that they could be considered at the time of the Board's reorganization in March.
 18. The **Town Clerk, Wendy Somers** reported the health insurance increases for the FY17. MMB Angelo, 2nd by Doug to reinstate the same level of insurance plans for the employees. All in favor. Wendy also asked the status on the work to be done on the Town Hall doors. Keith said parts were ordered.
 19. **Road Foreman, Keith Gadapee** gave the board an outline of procedures for the bid opening for a new plow truck to be held at the next meeting. He asked the board if these procedures could be followed. Board will consider after consulting with Town's attorney.
 20. MMB Michael, 2nd by Doug to authorize Ken to hire an electrician to fix **streetlights in park**. All in favor.
 21. **Financials** were signed.
 22. MMB Angelo, 2nd by Ken to **adjourn**. All in favor. 7:38pm

Minutes taken by Keith Gadapee submitted 12/5/16 at 7:25pm

Keith E. Gadapee

TO THE DANVILLE , VERMONT SELECTBOARD,

11/16/16

I am writing in response to something that happened at our last Selectboard Meeting on Nov. 3, 2016.

This issue is not a typical one, but I feel VERY strongly that it needs to be addressed. The reason why it is not typical, is because it involves being critical of a Board member in a public way. While I do feel strongly that EVERY Board member is entitled to their opinion and should be allowed to speak freely, I feel there should be some basic rules of decency and respect towards others. What I am referring to is comments made by Kellie Merrell towards Assistant to the Selectboard Mary Currier. I feel very strongly that Mary has done an excellent job, and has represented the Selectboard EXACTLY as we (as a Board) have asked her to. I won't re-hash the details here, of what was said. However, I would like to emphasize that I was disgusted by statements that were made towards Mary in a public forum. I have also been approached by a couple of other townspeople that were equally disgusted. By writing this letter, I wanted to make (just as public), my disagreement (and DISGUST) with those statements towards Mary. I would like this letter added to the minutes, if the majority of the Board agrees. THANK YOU.

DOUG PASTULA