

Town of Danville
Selectboard Minutes
October 18, 2018
Danville Town Hall (6:00 pm)

Board Members Present: Ken Linsley, Doug Pastula, and Kellie Merrell

Absent: Eric Bach, Ted Chase and Keith Gadapee

Also Present: Audrey DeProspero, Wendy Somers, Gary Fontaine, Jim Morris, Peggy Cochran, Mary Wyand, Bridget Ferrin-Smith, Jenny Rafuse, Linda Eastman, and Nick Flanders

1. **Meeting was called to order** by Chairman Ken Linsley at 6:00 pm.
2. **Additions to the agenda:**
 - o Illegal dumping
 - o LEOP Local Emergency Operations Plan
3. *Motion by Doug Pastula, 2nd by Kellie Merrell to approve **minutes of Regular meeting of October 4, 2018** as written. Vote 3-0-0. All in favor.*
4. **Visitor**
 - **Walter McNeil, Jr. – NEKWMD update** – Waste District Budget was discussed at the Waste District meeting. The budget was passed by their board and will go before the voters.

The Waste District's baler machine which compacts items had a catastrophic failure. It was purchased in 2005 and cost \$50,000. An emergency meeting was held to discuss what to do. The decision was to purchase a new baler instead of fixing the old due to cost. Repair was about \$50,000 and new was \$185,000. The new baler will be financed for a five year period and the expense will be spread out between three areas: increase in Hauler Surcharge (50 cent per ton increase), \$5 increase in the Stop Fee at district facilities (Danville will go from \$30 to \$35), and an increase in the Tire Disposal Fee. There will be a per capita assessment of 90 cents per person in town based on the 2010 census and every town in the district will be charged based on population (Danville population 2,246). The baler company has loaned four up and down balers which are loaded by hand. This enables the district to process the items they have until the new baler arrives. They are currently processing 50% of what they have and the other 50% is going out to other towns to process. The Capital Fund was discussed and it was discovered there was only \$30,000 in it because it had not been funded for a few years. He thought it should have been funded and favored having a better savings plan in place for future possible issues. The Selectboard agreed and thought the district should look at a planning cycle.

- **Peggy Cochran – Patrol invoice/report questions** – Peggy reviewed questions submitted to her from the Selectboard regarding fines, surcharges, penalties, reports and town ordinance.
- **Jenny Rafuse – speeders near Hastings store** – Jenny Rafuse and Bridget Ferrin-Smith discussed cars not stopping for parents and/or children who were in the crosswalk walking toward the school bus which was stopped with flashing lights on, doors open and loading children. They have reported numerous license plate numbers to the Sheriff Department and State Police this year. Last year they reported somewhere between 50 and 100. Their concern is for safety of the children and the parents. The bus picks the children up around 6:50 am and drops them off at 4 pm in front of Hastings store. Other buses stop in the Park and Ride to load or unload passengers and have their flashers and lights on, however cars still speed past those buses in the Park and Ride as well.

Extra Sheriff Patrols have been done in the past in that area and speeders have been caught, however it does not seem to stop the speeders. They suggested having a flashing light installed in that area however it is a state road so the state would need to permit the flashing light, not the Town.

Peggy Cochran of the Sheriff's Department suggested having the Sheriff's speed sign put there until winter.

A suggestion was for the ladies to go before the School Board to see if there is an alternative location for that stop/pick up.

Various ideas were discussed and shared amongst all. The final decision was to discuss the situation with Danville's two State Representatives in town and to seek their guidance.

- **Jim Morris (Old Homestead Road) & Nick Flanders (North Shore Road) – Plowing** – Both gentlemen were representing the residents of each road and were present to discuss having these roads plowed in the winter time.

Nick Flanders of North Shore Road discussed having the Town plow from Route 15 to the tennis courts which is about 800 feet. He spoke of public good and if the road was changed to a Class 3 then there would be revenue coming in that could go to the plowing of the road.

Jim Morris of Old Homestead Road presented a letter to the Selectboard (attached). He read his copy of the letter which was noting how his road met all the criteria to be upgraded but did not want to be upgraded to a Class 3, he just wanted the road plowed.

No decision was made as there was not a full Selectboard nor was the Highway Foremen present.

5. **Town Clerk (Wendy Somers)**
 - Nothing to report
6. **Highway Foreman (Keith Gadapee was absent, Audrey DeProspero reported on his behalf)**
 - Oneida Road Better Roads Grant finishing documents require Selectboard signature.

Motion by Kellie Merrell, 2nd by Doug Pastula to authorize the Selectboard Chair to sign the Better Roads Grant finishing documents for Oneida Road. Vote 3-0-0. Motion carries.

- Old Stagecoach Road Grants in Aid Pilot Project finishing documents require Selectboard signature.

Motion by Kellie Merrell, 2nd by Doug Pastula to authorize the Selectboard Chair to sign the Grants in Aid Pilot Project finishing documents for Old Stagecoach Road. Vote 3-0-0. Motion carries.

- Penny Lane Better Roads Grant Structures Project finishing documents require Selectboard signature.

Motion by Kellie Merrell, 2nd by Doug Pastula to authorize the Selectboard Chair to sign the Better Roads Grant Structures Project finishing documents for Penny Lane. Vote 3-0-0. Motion carries.

7. **Issues and Information (All)**
 - (a) **Town Hall easement** – pending information from Toby Balivet.
 - (b) **Ambulance Services Agreement** – pending information from Toby Balivet.

- (c) **Insurance Town Property** – Audrey DeProspero – renewal application has been submitted to VLCT for 2019. Additions to the policy were Park Street Gazebo, N. Danville Community Gazebo, Hill Street Park Gazebo and two outbuildings (sheds) at the Highway Garage.
- (d) **Personnel Policy** – Selectboard has been requested to review document and submit suggested changes to Audrey DeProspero.
- (e) **Debt Management Policy** – Selectboard has been requested to review document and submit any concerns or issues of the policy prior to the next Selectboard meeting of November 1st to Wendy Somers, Town Clerk.
- (f) **Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting Policy** – Selectboard has been requested to review document and submit any concerns or issues of the policy prior to the next Selectboard meeting of November 1st to Wendy Somers, Town Clerk.
- (g) **Cash Receipts, Petty Cash and Returned Check Policy** – Selectboard has been requested to review document and submit any concerns or issues of the policy prior to the next Selectboard meeting of November 1st to Wendy Somers, Town Clerk.
- (h) **Credit Card Policy** – Selectboard has been requested to review document and submit any concerns or issues of the policy prior to the next Selectboard meeting of November 1st to Wendy Somers, Town Clerk.
- (i) **Fraud Prevention Policy** – Selectboard has been requested to review document and submit any concerns or issues of the policy prior to the next Selectboard meeting of November 1st to Wendy Somers, Town Clerk.
- (j) **VLCT Purchasing Policy** – Selectboard has been requested to review document and submit any concerns or issues of the policy prior to the next Selectboard meeting of November 1st to Wendy Somers, Town Clerk.
- (k) **Calex Board Appointee** – A Selectboard member is required to be on the Calex Board.

Consensus was to appoint Ted Chase as Selectboard Representative to the Calex Board.

- (l) **Dog Warrant** – Audrey DeProspero – Constable Jo Guertin has been working with residents in town in regards to nonregistered dogs. She has completed and turned in her bill for 14 hours.
- (m) **Illegal Dumping** – Someone has dumped about 25 tires and a couch on Trestle Road.
- (n) **LEOP – Local Emergency Operations Plan** – There will be training for one hour on Monday in Lyndonville and Wednesday in Derby. It is suggested that a Selectboard member attend.

8. **Financials: Orders to review and sign** – Financials signed.

9. **Adjourn** - Motion by Doug Pastula, 2nd by Kellie Merrell to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. All in favor.

Minutes taken by Audrey DeProspero submitted October 19, 2018 at 10:00 am.

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Oct 16, 2008

Good Evening!

To the Select Board, and others attending, my name is Tim Morris and in the absence of Mr. Louis Cassano due to other obligations, I have been asked to represent the property owners and residents voters of Old Homestead Rd, at this meeting.

for the matter of winter maintenance policy in the town of West Danville.

After reading the towns policy of not providing any winter maintenance of Class 4 highways.

I am here to ask the select board for consideration to amend to the policy, to provide winter maintenance based on Public Interest for the Public Good, necessity, and convince of year round residents of Old Homestead Rd.

In my 30 years of owning property on Homestead Rd, I have seen the development of seasonal camps to year round residences grow to (23) frequent visitors and year residents of which 20 voting as members in the town and of which the majority is an aging population in excess of 65 years of age.

(2)

For consideration of this policy change, the first obstacle that comes to mind, is the additional cost of service to the taxpayers, Old Homestead Rd residents included. Of which said residents contribute a conservative estimate of \$200,000 tax revenue from the year round residents, plus seasonal property revenues in addition, which revenues benefit all property owners of the town reduce their tax obligations.

It is my understanding, Bottom Line that cost versus the Public Good!

The residents main ^{concern} is Public Safety.

Hypothetically, in a major snow storm, when a private plow contractor is sleeping or out of town at 2 AM after plowing at 70 MPH previous evening and additional substantial ^{amount} of snow has ~~accumulated~~ accumulated.

That one or more residents experience a medical emergency such as a heart attack, or trapped in a house fire and a call to 911. One would reasonably expect help is on the way as time is of the essence. Only to find out later after a tragedy that emergency personal and vehicles were unable to arrive ~~due~~ due to our road conditions being impassible.

We are not asking for a Road Classification upgrade, but based on towns upgrade Guide, merely a class 4 amendment.

~~Ultimately~~ Ultimately the select board must decide upgrade based on ^{balancing} various public interest.

Per the → Policy upgrade paragraph 4.

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4.1 Cost - Keith Laddigan has addressed this in an ~~an~~ ^{previous} meeting.

4.2 Access - Improved access for landowners and residents. generally a positive.

4.3 Traffic - negligible.

4.4 Development, - If a road upgrade is specifically intended to facilitate development, then it is a positive.

4.5 Public Safety - Improve routes for emergency vehicles year round - a positive.

4.2 Weighting - Generally improves access to 23 residents or more, outway a small increase to taxpayers. a positive

4.3 Balancing, the select board deciding represents a public good

In closing, the select board by law must act as judges in this ~~matter~~ ^{matter}, and as defined in the Free dictionary Ethical practices are the set standards for Moral conduct and judgement.

I thank you along with the residents of Old Hinestead Rd, for your consideration in this decision. John Morris

6 PM Thursday
 Old Homestead Road Plowing

10/2018

Winterized Homes	Frequent Visitors or Year Round	Age	Voting Residents
Gauthier	✓	70 + 70	✓
Halprin	✓	67 + 67	✓
Parker	✓	52	✓
Hall	✓	68 + 69	✓
Carpenter	✓	80 + 75	✓
Towse	✓	67 + 70	✓
Van Deren	✓	69	✓
Rossi	✓	67	✓
Kearch	✓	70 + 69	✓
Powers	✓	75	✓
Muse	✓		✓
Penar	✓	60 + 61	✓
Morris	✓	67 + 67	✓
Desrochers	✓	60 60 + 60	✓
Stover	✓	75	✓
Collins	✓	67 + 58	✓
Nicholson	✓	62 + 60	✓
Sherwood	✓	80 + 78	✓
Rustad	✓	70 + 70	✓
Cassawi	✓	65 + 64	✓
Hebert	✓	70 + 71	✓
Buttura	✓	69 + 67	✓
Brown	✓	65	✓

23 6 milk

23 combined ~~12~~

20

12- properties 20 veterans

Conservative estimate \$200,000 Tax Revenue

Total 37 Winterized homes