

Town of Danville
Selectboard Minutes
January 17, 2019
Danville Town Hall (6:00 pm)

Board Members Present: Ken Linsley, Eric Bach, Doug Pastula, and Ted Chase

Absent: Kellie Merrell

Also Present: Audrey DeProspero, Wendy Somers, Keith Gadapee, Gary Fontaine, Barb Fontaine, Paul Weaver, Kathy Manns and Walter McNeil

1. **Meeting was called to order** by Chairman Ken Linsley at 6:00 pm.

2. **Additions to the agenda:**

- Calex plowing/private driveway
- Casella
- VLCT board meeting
- Red Barn
- Information hearing dates

3. *Motion by Doug Pastula, 2nd by Eric Bach to approve minutes of Regular meeting of January 3, 2019 as written. Vote 4-0-0. All in favor.*

Motion by Doug Pastula, 2nd by Eric Bach to approve minutes of Budget meeting of January 10, 2019 as written. Vote 4-0-0. All in favor.

4. **Visitors**

- Paul Weaver and Kathy Manns – energy committee discussion.

Kathy Manns noted she was interested in a Town Energy Committee and wondered if others were interested. She attended a workshop in December which was part of Efficiency Vermont. She is interested in joining a committee but did not know how much time she could invest.

Paul Weaver noted he had read the Town Plan and was very much interested in energy and energy plans within Danville. He would like to see if solar panels could be put on the school buildings. He has been on an energy task force in a previous town.

Suggestion for Paul was that he discuss solar panels on school buildings with the School Board.

Suggestion for both was for them to contact NVDA (Northeastern Vermont Development Association) as NVDA is working on an event sometime in March for town energy committees.

- Walter McNeil, Jr. – NEKWMD update – Board of Supervisors meeting was not held due to snowstorm. The baler is scheduled to arrive February 15th and the installation will follow shortly after. Glass items will not go to Hanover as their current location is filling up. Casella will be holding a meeting and Paul Tomasi is scheduled to attend. NEKWMD information for the Danville Town Report will be sent over next week.

Casella (New England Waste Services) sent a letter to the Selectboard extending an offer to have a representative attend a meeting to discuss the landfill facility, its operations features, design characteristics to protect the environment and their development plans for the site.

Consensus of the Selectboard was to have a representative attend the February 21st meeting.

5. **Town Clerk** (Wendy Somers)

- Liquor License for Martin J Beattie Enterprise, Inc.

Motion by Doug Pastula, 2nd by Eric Bach to approve the Liquor License for 2019 for Martin J. Beattie Enterprises, Inc. (Martys First Stop). Vote 4-0-0. All in favor

- Appropriations are all in. Same amount as last year less the ambulance.

Motion by Eric Bach, 2nd by Doug Pastula to approve the requested appropriations. Vote 4-0-0. All in favor

- Petition to put item on the warning. Exempt Charitable Organization (Masonic Lodge) from taxes for five years.

Motion by Doug Pastula, 2nd by Eric Bach to approve petition for Warning. Vote 4-0-0. All in favor.

6. **Highway Foreman** (Keith Gadapee)

- Requested to spend \$900.98 from the Scrap Steel Account to purchase a cordless drill and ratchet.

Motion by Doug Pastula, 2nd by Eric Bach to expend funds not to exceed \$910 to purchase tools using the Scrap Steel Funds. Vote 4-0-0. All in favor.

- Asset list. Items listed do not reflect an appropriate value. He thought the new value is listed should reflect a depreciation value.

Ted Chase suggested adding a second column reflecting the depreciation value.

Wendy Somers noted the value reflects the original cost not depreciation. She will look into this matter and see if this can be adjusted.

Suggested was to check with Auditors to find out what the preferred method for municipalities is.

7. **Issues and Information** (All)

- (a) **Budget information** – 2019 Danville Highway Fund was reviewed and discussed.

Equipment Purchase line shows a value of 65,000 however the vehicle did not cost that much and the money needs to be transferred into the appropriate line (Capital Equipment Fund).

Per the State Law, compensation for hours worked must be paid and cannot be lost so a discussion ensued regarding increasing the Labor and Overtime line. Selectboard decided not to increase the line item.

Payment for maintaining a Federal Motor Carrier Medical Examination Certificate for each employee who holds a CDL (Commercial Driver License) – the cost will be covered through the HRA (health reimbursement account) and the stipend paid to those not on Town insurance.

Safety Shoe increase request – the Selectboard agreed to the increase the Uniform line to cover the additional monies associated with the stipend for Safety Shoes.

Additional Person for Highway Crew – consensus of the Selectboard was not to add an additional person at the present time.

Grader – consensus of the Selectboard was to keep the old grader instead of trading as it would put the Town in a better position.

Winter Hours - additional two winter days (November-April) – decision was to stay with four and divide per pay period.

The Budget information will be formalized and sent out to the Selectboard next week. A special meeting will be required for the Selectboard to approve the budget.

- (b) **Conservation Commission update** – New Chair/contact person was elected, Vange Morse, to share in the duties during the month of February and then take over the position in March.

Ken Linsley noted he attended the public meeting on the EAB Plan (Emerald Ash Borer Plan) and Tree Ordinance. No one else from the public was present, only the Conservation

Commission members and him. He noted at the next Selectboard meeting the Selectboard could choose to adopt accordingly both the ordinance and plan, one or the other or neither.

- (c) **Letter of Appreciation** – The Selectboard signed a letter of appreciation for Tim Ruggles noting all his time and dedication he has given to the Town of Danville for various items.
- (d) **North Danville Community Club** – Audrey DeProspero – The next meeting for the North Danville Community Club is Monday, February 4th at 7pm. A representative from the Selectboard is required to attend.

Eric Bach volunteered to attend as the Selectboard Representative.

- (e) **Casella** – discussed under Visitors b) Walter McNeil.
- (f) **VLCT board meeting** – Ken Linsley attended the VLCT (Vermont League of Cities and Towns) board meeting today. Their discussion was on replacement of the NEMRC (New England Municipal Resource Center) system for tax packages only. The State has a contract with NEMRC until 2021 but they are looking into a comprehensive system to use in the State not only for tax purposes. A quick survey will be coming to Towns so they can provide feedback on the information as to what is being used for the unified system.
- (g) **Red Barn** – Ken Linsley discussed permit for Red Barn Brewery which has been granted and the locations of liquid disbursements.
- (h) **Calex plowing/private driveway** – Calex emailed the Selectboard regarding Crow Hill incident. Selectboard discussed and reviewed information.
- (i) **Informational Hearing dates** – Thursday, February 28 at 7pm at Town Hall is for the Informational Hearing on Budgets; Monday, March 4th at 7pm at the North Danville Community Center is for Meet the Candidate and Tuesday, March 5th at 10 am is Town Meeting Day at Danville School.

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

9. **Adjourn** - *Motion by Doug Pastula, 2nd by Eric Bach to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. All in favor.*

Minutes taken by Audrey DeProspero submitted January 18, 2019 at 9:00 am.