

Town of Danville
Selectboard Minutes
September 5, 2019
Danville Town Hall (6:00 pm)

Board Members Present: Ken Linsley, Eric Bach, Henry Pearl and Kristin Franson

Absent: Kellie Merrell

Others Present: Wendy Somers, Keith Gadapee, Audrey DeProspero, Deb Stressing, Jamie Stewart, Nicolas Anzalone and Melissa Deppisch

1. **Meeting was called to order** by Chair Ken Linsley at 6:00 pm.
2. **Additions to the agenda:**
 - * NCIC
 - * ANR
 - * Performance Evaluation Forms
 - * Municipal Budget Workshop
 - * Opioid Action Forum
 - * VT Arts & Cultures Disaster Network
 - * Tree Warden
 - * Old Cemeteries
 - * North Danville Monthly Meeting
3. *Motion by Kristin Franson, 2nd by Henry Pearl to approve **minutes of Regular meeting of August 15, 2019** as written. Vote 4-0-0. All in favor.*

4. **Visitors**

- Nick Anzalone – Community Broadband – Nick Anzalone is a resident of St. Johnsbury who has been volunteering with a group that is trying to bring a community ISP option (modeled after ECFiber) to the NEK. Although not a resident of Danville, he is very passionate about trying to help improve internet options and connectivity in the greater NEK community. He gave a brief run-down of the NEK Broadband Action Plan and the CUD (Communication Union District), a financial organizational structure which will help get the broadband plan started. The plan asks towns if they are interested, encourages residents to get involved and it will be gauging the interest of the towns. If a town joins CUD then the Selectboard can vote on it or put the information in a warrant on their town meeting day ballot.

Consensus is to review the information.

- Melissa Deppisch – NEKCC Special Olympics Kickball Tournament – Melissa Deppisch volunteers with Northeast Kingdom Caledonia County Special Olympics and is raising money with the kickball tournament to send kids to fall games. Melissa Deppisch has received permission from the school to use the school and town fields to play the kickball games on. Melissa Deppisch would like to use the Town Green for folks to check in and find out which field they are at and to have information available to others to bring awareness to Special Olympics. All proceeds received will go directly to Northeast Kingdom Caledonia County Special Olympics.

Consensus is to allow use of the Town Green with all profits going to Special Olympics.

- Deb Stressing & Jamie Steward (JPA & WDCC) – Joe's Pond – WDCC (West Danville Community Club) has agreed to pick up the liability for the town land and dock on town land. It is suggested that a MOU (Memo of Understanding) be written transferring the maintenance of the dock at Joe's Pond to the WDCC. Discussions for options for rebuilding the dock has been between both the JPA (Joe's Pond Association) and WDCC. A decision regarding rebuilding will be determined later.

Consensus is for an MOU to be written outing the agreement between parties.

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

- Three Special Event Permits (liquor license) need approval:
 - VT Spirits Distilling for Autumn on the Green
 - Eden Ice Cidars for Autumn on the Green
 - Caledonia Spirits at 3 Ponds Restaurant on September 27th.

Motion by Henry Pearl, 2nd by Krisitin Franson to approve the Special Event Permit for Eden Ice Cidars for Autumn on the Green. Vote 4-0-0. All in favor.

Motion by Henry Pearl, 2nd by Krisitin Franson to approve the Special Event Permit for VT Spirits for Autumn on the Green. Vote 4-0-0. All in favor.

Motion by Henry Pearl, 2nd by Krisitin Franson to approve the Special Event Permit for Caledonia Spirits at 3 Ponds Restaurant for September 27th. Vote 4-0-0. All in favor.

- Sewer hookup for Kitchel residence on 95 Walden Hill Road.

Motion by Eric Bach, 2nd by Henry Pearl to approve the sewer hookup for 95 Walden Hill Road subject to inspection by Stub Parker. Vote 4-0-0. All in favor.

- Burial permit.
- Leased lands – VLCT Article in accordance with VSA 2401, 2402-03, 2406 and 2409.
- Excelsior Farm Road – discussion regarding camps which had taxes on them that were never paid because the owners passed and reaching out to the owner of the land.

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

- Working with Better Connections Grant people with the bike rack.
- Meeting with various property owners to work out property lines of town building.
- Water runoff.
- Class 4 Water Andric Road usability by VAST - they will not be able to use this season as the area is closed.
- Radar Speed back sign installed on Route 2 and is up and running. Selectboard extended deep appreciation to Dawn Pastula for all her time and effort she put in to getting the sign. They also extended their thanks to the Highway Crew for installation.

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

- (a) **Tables for Green** – currently the Town Green has three metal picnic tables and two wooden picnic tables.

Consensus is to order three new metal picnic tables in the Spring and for one of the tables to be handicap accessible.

- (b) **NCIC** – Northern Community Investment Corporation's annual meeting is Thursday, October 10th from 10am until 1:30 pm at Northern Vermont University in Lyndon.
- (c) **ANR** – State Government Municipal Day is Tuesday, October 29th in St. Johnsbury.
- (d) **Performance Evaluation Form** – Kristin Franson – discussed Performance Evaluation Form and suggested all review and send feedback to her.
- (e) **Municipal Budget Workshop** – Wednesday, September 18th in Montpelier. Ken Linsley is attending at no cost to the Town.
- (f) **Opioid Action Forum** – Ken Linsley – The Town of Bennington started litigation amongst the towns seeking to hold those who created the opioid epidemic and profited from it accountable.

- (g) **VT Arts and Cultures Disaster Network** – Ken Linsley discussed library and art organizations developing a group to help when disaster strikes.
- (h) **Tree Warden Summit** – October 5th from 9 am until 12:30 at UVM Extension office in Berlin. Free event for Tree Wardens of Vermont.
- (i) **War Memorial Update** – one lilac has been completely removed, the other has been cut down and the roots are to be dug out and removed soon.
- (j) **Bulky Waste Day** – scheduled for Saturday, September 14th from 8am until 3pm at the Wood Dump. Selectboard line up is as follows: Ken Linsley 8-10am; Kristin Franson 10am-noon; and Eric Bach noon-3pm.
- (k) **Danville Fire Department cab/chassis** – The 2001 cab and chassis of the diesel 4900 International with 23,962 miles will be moved from the Fire Department location and put in the parking lot next door to Town Hall for viewing by interested people to submit sealed bids on.
- (l) **North Danville Alarm Dedicated Phone Line** – Audrey DeProspero noted the installation for the dedicated phone line at the North Danville Community Center took place on August 27th. The system is up and running as of September 4th and is fully operational as confirmed with Bill Smith in Newport.
- (m) **ZAI Trust** – Audrey DeProspero noted the town has received a \$4,203.37 reimbursement from ZAI (Zonolite Attic Insulation) Trust for the removal of vermiculite found in the 60 Route 2 West dwelling. Years ago there was a mine that processed the material vermiculite which was found to be hazardous and a trust was set up for reimbursement.
- (n) **Preservation Trust of VT – 2019 Retreats** – Kellie Merrell would like to attend the Preservation Trust retreat for libraries, nonprofit owned and public buildings which takes place October 7-8th.

Motion by Eric Bach, 2nd by Henry Pearl to sponsor Kellie Merrell to attend the Preservation Trust of Vermont for an expense of \$95. Vote 4-0-0. Motion passes.

- (o) **Old Cemeteries** – letter received from resident seeking to purchase a couple of lots in one of the old cemeteries. The resident has paid taxes in Danville for 40 years but does reside in another location as well.

Discussion ensued regarding setting up a policy for cemeteries regarding residents and landowners.

Consensus is to approve the purchase of the lots by Humphey Morris.

- (p) **North Danville Meeting** – Monday, October 7th the North Danville Community Club and the North Danville School Association will meet at 7 pm at the North Danville School building and a representative from the Town is needed.

8. Financials: Orders to review and sign.

Motion by Eric Bach, 2nd by Kristin Franson to authorize Ken Linsley to sign the Financials on Friday. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carries.

9. Adjourn - *Motion by Henry Pearl, 2nd by Kristin Franson to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. All in favor.*

Minutes taken by Audrey DeProspero submitted September 06, 2019 at 08:28 am.