

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

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

**Others Present:** Wendy Somers, Keith Gadapee, Audrey DeProspero, Bert Frye, Craig Morris, Kate Whitehead and Glenn Herrin

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

2. **Additions to the agenda:**

- Special meeting minutes (site visit) of November 30, 2019
- Employee evaluation procedures

3. *Motion by Kellie Merrell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Bach to approve **minutes of Regular meeting of November 21, 2019**. Vote 5-0-0. All in favor.*

*Motion by Kellie Merrell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Henry Pearl to approve **minutes of Special meeting of November 30, 2019**. Vote 5-0-0. All in favor.*

4. **Visitors – Glenn Herrin and Kate Whitehead**

- The Planning Commission recommended that the Selectboard appoint an Implementation Lead for the Village to Village (V2V) project to work on the twelve month priority action list, which can be found in the Danville Village to Village Project – Implementation - page 81, to maintain momentum on the implementation of the key action items. There are various persons who are ready to help pick away at the list and/or gather more information for each item on the list.

*Motion by Kellie Merrell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Henry Pearl to appoint Kate Whitehead as the Village to Village (V2V) Implementation Lead, with the authority to pursue and coordinate implementation of key action items from the V2V Master Plan. This appointment is expected to last until summer 2021, or until specifically rescinded. Vote 5-0-0. All in favor.*

- The Planning Commission also requested available funds for the implementers to use to support community activities and events and to use as grant matching funds.

Selectboard requested an exact amount to put in the budget and suggested for Kate Whitehead to periodically attend a Selectboard meeting to keep them informed of the V2V activities.

Kate Whitehead noted she would get back to the Selectboard with the amount required and would attend future meetings for updating purposes.

- Glenn Herrin gave his opinion of the Langmaid's request to put land in conservation easement, as the Planning Commission has not yet met to discuss, however, the request is in line with the Town Plan and Zoning Bylaws.
- Glenn Herrin gave a brief update of bylaws: River corridor and Flood Plain language will not be added to the Zoning Bylaws. Zoning Bylaws are on track to be brought before the Selectboard in March. The Public Hearing will be in February.

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

- Requested removal of 60 Route 2 West sewer connection.

*Motion by Eric Bach, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kristin Franson to remove 60 Route 2 West sewer connection. Vote 5-0-0. All in favor.*

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

- Internet change – the school requested WiFi at the ballfields to stream school sport events. The new service will be through Spectrum. The Highway building currently has DSL but not WiFi. When doing the upgrade at the Highway building, issues were found when trying to put the new wires through the existing conduit. The conduit is full of dirt and the new wires were unable to be pulled through. Spectrum suggested to lay a new conduit. Keith Gadapee's concern was who would cover the cost and how much time involvement did the Town want him to spend on this project. Currently the upgrade is not costing the Town anything.

Consensus is to contact the school and explain the issues and contact the carrier to find out if there would be a cost if the town waits until spring time (baseball softball season) to complete.

- Keith Gadapee thanked the Selectboard members who came in to sign the grant paperwork on off hours.
- Struggling with breakdown of trucks. Currently there are two down.
- No applications have been received for the Part Time on call position. Keith Gadapee does not know what is keeping applicants away.

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

(a) **VT Land Trust**

Selectboard re-reviewed the letter received from VT Land Trust regarding proposed farmland conservation project on McDowell and North Church Roads. The information was forwarded to the Conservation Commission who responded direct to VTLT in the affirmative of this project. Earlier noted during tonight's meeting was the same from the Planning Commission Chair.

VTLT only needed a response from the Selectboard if they disagreed with the analysis. As the analysis for this property was positive, no response is needed by the Selectboard.

(b) **Property Line Progress**

Keith Gadapee discussed property lines around Town Hall, the map created by Andy Dussault (Dussault Surveying), right of way and wording for quit claim deed.

*Motion by Eric Bach, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kristin Franson to proceed per drawing dated July 12, 2019 formalizing deeds. Vote 5-0-0. All in favor.*

- (c) **North Danville Community Center's December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting update** – Ken Linsley attended meeting and gave a brief update. NDCC had concern with ditch out back of their building regarding water backing up due to snow build up and snow melting from roof. Keith Gadapee to look into.

- (d) **NEK Community Broadband** – review of entry into a communications union district (CUD)

Kellie Merrell favored the action based on the information received at Town Meeting.

Kristin Franson and Eric Bach supported joining the CUD (communications union district), they thought it would be beneficial to the area.

Ken Linsley had concerns with legislative information 30 VSA 3053 in regards to the general assembly, in the future, may grant authority to levy taxes and there would be a cost to taxpayers in the district.

*Motion by Henry Pearl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kristin Franson to join the CUD (communications union district) and to appoint Jonathan Baker as liaison for the Town as representative on the CUD. Vote 5-0-0. All in favor.*

- (e) **Chase & Chase** – deferred until Jim Brimblecombe could be in attendance.

- (f) **Cannabis Resolution relating to S.54** – pending legislation before the state legislature that would establish a commercial cannabis market place in VT. S.54 is an act relating to the regulation of cannabis which passed the senate last year and is currently working its way through the relevant house committees.

Kellie Merrell suggested changes to the Resolution document similar to the changes that the Springfield Selectboard made (amending “opt-in” to “opt-out” and removing language “thirty-percent pooled and redistributed to municipalities that do not host retail establishments”).

Ken Linsley discussed program appearing in towns and if town opts-in then they do not do anything however if the town opts-out then they have to do something. He discussed legislators not being in favor of the current wording and there being a lot of unknowns. He inquired if this was a reasonable approach and if they should hold in abeyance. He also indicated that the rationale for the 30 percent pool to be distributed to municipalities that do not host retail establishments is due to the presumption that those municipalities will see some negative effects from the legal sale of marijuana.

*Consensus was to defer until their next meeting for further discussion.*

- (g) **Budget** – medical costs reviewed. Employees currently have Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont Platinum Plan. The 2020 plan is about a 12.5% increase over 2019.
- (h) **Evaluation Directions** – after evaluations are done, the employee is to review comments received from reviewers, make changes/comments, sign and return to reviewers.

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

9. **Adjourn** – *Motion by Kristin Franson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Bach to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. All in favor.*

Minutes taken by Audrey DeProspero submitted December 06, 2019 at 2:30 pm.