

Town of Danville
Selectboard Minutes
March 5, 2020
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, Audrey DeProspero, Craig Morris, Evangelyn Morse, Mary A. Cote, Glenn Herrin, Doug Lamothe, Charlie Palmer, Martha Staskus, Rich Nicol, Dave Houston, and Paul Weaver

1. **Meeting was called to order** by Chair Ken Linsley at 6:00 pm.
2. **Reorganization – Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair**

Eric Bach nominated Ken Linsley for Chair, 2nd by Kristin Franson. No other nominations. The clerk was asked to cast one vote for Ken Linsley as Chair of the Selectboard.

Henry Pearl nominated Eric Bach for Vice Chair, 2nd by Kristin Franson. No other nominations. The Clerk was asked to cast one vote for Eric Bach as Vice Chair of Selectboard.

Appointed Officers

Motion by Kristin Franson, 2nd by Henry Pearl to approve 2020 Town Officers list. Vote 4-0-0. All in favor.

3. **Approve Minutes:**

*Motion by Henry Pearl, 2nd by Eric Bach to approve **minutes of Regular meeting of February 20, 2020** as written. Vote 4-0-0. All in favor.*

*Motion by Kristin Franson, 2nd by Eric Bach to approve **minutes of Informational meeting of February 27, 2020** as written Vote 4-0-0. All in favor.*

*Motion by Eric Bach, 2nd by Kristin Franson to approve **minutes of Pre Town meeting of March 2, 2020** as written. Vote 4-0-0. All in favor.*

4. **Visitors**

- Mary Cote – Danville Fair

Mary Cote discussed change of date for the Annual Danville Fair. This year the 90th Annual Danville Fair will be held Friday, July 31 and Saturday August 1. The theme of the fair is the Emerald Anniversary and the Citizen of the Year is the Danville School. Requested was: use of Green Wednesday, July 29 after the Farmers Market to set up (clean up would be completed by Sunday); closure of Danville/Peacham Road starting on July 30 at noon and going to August 1 (the State will be contacted to change the traffic light); access to water and electric on the Green; access and use of the roads for parade on August 1 (parade to start at 10:30 am – route start is Mountain View Avenue, up Smith Street onto Brainerd Street then turn onto Route 2 then onto Park Street where they will disband past the Post Office); open container permission (Sherriff will be on site to monitor crowd); placement of no parking signs and handicap signs (provided by

Chamber) near Masonic Hall and no parking signs (provided by Chamber) on Peacham Road just past school and down Brainerd Street to Mountain View Drive and on Park Street; use of 60 Route 2 (next to Town Hall) for carnival staff to stay and set up campers and use water; and to put up a sign on the Green announcing the Fair.

Motion by Henry Pearl, 2nd by Kristin Franson to approve the request by Mary Cote for July 31 and August 1 for the Danville Fair. Vote 3-0-1. (Eric Bach abstained) All in favor.

- Paul Weaver – Ground mount solar on a pole

Paul Weaver noted he was representing the Energy Committee and discussed renewable energy at the school. An investor reached out to Paul to buy a solar array and sell it back to the school. The project pays for itself over a period of seven years. There is no cost to the school or Town. The panels would be installed along Route 2 near the tennis courts or near the tennis courts in the open area. The roof top of the school building is not viable because it needs work. The panels will be installed by Rich Nicol a technician. The discussion is only in the preliminary stages.

Rich Nicol discussed panels being 15 KW which are permitted by the State and similar to residential solar. The panels are fixed ground mounts. There will be four mounts with twelve panels on each. The precise location has not been determined yet.

Glenn Herrin of the Planning Commission noted the Planning Commission briefly discussed this but will be adding it to their next agenda to discuss in detail.

Rich Nicol noted the installation was out of the purview of the Planning Commission.

Further discussion by all was in regards to land ownership, contract, current meter on site, visual screening for solar panels, warranties and safety.

Selectboard noted the discussion presented was worth considering.

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

- Liquor licenses:

Three Ponds 1st Class License (indoor) and 3rd Class (Restaurant/Bar).

Motion by Eric Bach, 2nd by Henry Pearl to approve liquor license for Three Ponds. Vote 4-0-0. All in favor.

Red Barn Brewery, 2211 Route 2 East (new place) Liquor License.

Motion by Eric Bach, 2nd by Henry Pearl to approve the liquor license for Red Barn Brewery. Vote 4-0-0. All in favor.

- Loan documents for spread bid loan with Passumpsic needs signature.

Motion by Eric Bach, 2nd by Kristin Franson to sign the Spread Bid documents. Vote 4-0-0. All in favor.

6. **Highway Foreman** (Keith Gadapee) not in attendance

- Ken Linsley noted the roads are not in the best condition however both graders will be run when the mud subsides.

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

(a) **Town Forest Timber Sale Notice and Prospectus document**

Consensus was to approve for issuance the Town Forest Timber Sale Notice and Prospectus document submitted by the Conservation Commission

(b) **Introduction of Solar proposals**

Martha Staskus of Norwich Solar Technologies requested support of the Selectboard for preferred siting designation for: Doug Lamothe's location (Roosevelt Highway, US RT 2, Danville) which will have a 500 KW solar array and will connect to Green Mountain Power. This net metered agreement will keep it local. The entrance to the array is where the snowmobile trail is located. Charlie Palmer's location (Oneida Road) will have a 150 KW solar array. The entrance is down the road to his sugar house. Further assessments will be required after receiving approvals to move forward. A signed letter supporting the preferred sites is being requested.

Glenn Herrin noted the Planning Commission has looked at the maps and compared them to the Town Plan. The Planning Commission unanimously approved the Oneida location. The Route 2 location was a bit of a concern on the easterly approach to the Village which in the Town Plan says we do not want however there is screening so the Planning Commission unanimously approved.

Motion by Henry Pearl, 2nd by Eric Bach to support signing the letter of support for Danville Route 2 Solar Project. Vote 4-0-0. All in favor.

Motion by Henry Pearl, 2nd by Kristin Franson to support signing the letter of support for Big Buck Solar Project. Vote 4-0-0. All in favor.

(c) **Zoning Fees** – Audrey DeProspero discussed current zoning application fees. The fees were compared to surrounding towns and Danville was found to be a bit lower. Suggestion is to increase fees to cover costs associated with heat, electricity, and postage.

Consensus is to support the increase in fees bringing Subdivision, Conditional Use, and Variance application fees up to \$65.

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

9. **Adjourn** – *Motion by Eric Bach, 2nd by Henry Pearl to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. All in favor.*

Minutes taken by Audrey DeProspero submitted March 06, 2020 at 10:00 am.