

Town of Danville  
Selectboard Minutes  
May 7, 2020  
Danville Town Hall (6:00 pm)

**Board Members Present Using Zoom:** Kellie Merrell, Henry Pearl, Kristin Franson and Eric Bach (6:25pm)

**Board Members Present:** Ken Linsley

**Others Present:** Audrey DeProspero

**Others Present Using Zoom:** Evangelyn Morse, Craig Morris, Jeremy McMullen and Keith Gadapee

1. **Meeting was called to order** by Chair Ken Linsley at 6:06 pm.
2. **Additions to the agenda:**
  - Craig Morris – seeking use of the Recycle Center parking lot for food truck sales.
3. *Motion by Henry Pearl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kellie Merrell to approve **minutes of Regular meeting of April 16, 2020.** Vote 4-0-0. Unanimous.*
4. **Visitor**
  - Evangelyn Morse – Conservation Commission Timber Sale Bid

Timber Sale Notice and Prospectus has been revised. The bid and tour dates are changed due to social distancing restrictions. The timber pricing has changed (there was an explosion at the Jay, Maine timber plant which altered the pulp market) and the extension of the harvest schedule has changed so the logger has the opportunity to wait for timber prices to improve before selling, while giving them work over the coming winter. Also, the original deadline for submission has passed and no bids were received.

*Consensus was revisions are acceptable.*

- Craig Morris – Rail Road Station parking lot usage

Craig Morris sought permission of the Selectboard for Rail Road Station parking lot usage for his food truck. He would like to put his food truck in the parking lot this summer on Sundays and Mondays to accommodate rail trail persons and others in Town. Currently there is no take out on Sunday or Monday in Danville. His ability to sell take-out food from his food truck would help with the COVID-19 situation as restaurants in Town are not open on these two days.

Ken Linsley wondered if the Selectboard had ever permitted Town property usage on an extended period of time. He did not think the Selectboard had ever permitted anything like this for an ongoing basis. Selectboard has permitted the Fair and Farmers market.

Kellie Merrell noted the Planning Commission was working around the site of the Rail Road Station and suggested seeking their advice to see if this request would fit in to their future plans for this area.

Henry Pearl thought it sounded like a good idea but wondered what type of doors this would be opening.

Kristin Franson was concerned for parking.

*Consensus was to get Planning Commission feedback and revisit at next Selectboard meeting.*

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

- Outside Consumption Permit for Red Barn Brewing, LLC.

*Motion by Eric Bach, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Henry Pearl to approve the Outside Consumption Permit for Red Barn Brewing, LLC. Vote 5-0-0. Unanimous.*

- Request to extend the waiving of late fees for dog registrations until July 1.

*Motion by Eric Bach, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kristin Franson to approve extending fee free penalty thru July 1. Vote 5-0-0. Unanimous.*

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

- The highway survey for Hawkins Road has been completed. Keith Gadapee has inspected the road and is satisfied with it. The information will be sent to the state which will change the Town's highway map but will not affect the Town's mileage map.

*Motion by Eric Bach, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kristin Franson to accept the new survey straightening the curve. Vote 5-0-0. Unanimous.*

- Scrap steel fund expenditure request in the amount of \$1,600 to replace air tools and cordless tools.

*Motion by Kellie Merrell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Bach to give Keith Gadapee permission to spend up to \$1,600 for tools. Vote 5-0-0. Unanimous.*

- Paving and Structures State Grants have been put on hold due to revenue crisis.
- Highway State Aid will still be received.
- 50/50 PACIF Grant from VLCT for safety has been received to purchase a Work Zone Sign Packet.
- Green Mountain Power has a project in the right-of-way on McDowell Road. Green Mountain Power will be moving lines to make lines more accessible. Digging will be done to bury cables and Green Mountain Power will hire a contractor to do the work. The work to be done will eliminate power outage frequencies.

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

(a) **Hawkins Road Project** – See Highway Foreman

(b) **Adopt LEMP**

The LEMP (Local Emergency Management Plan) for Danville for 2020 needs to be adopted by the Selectboard. The adopted plan will qualify the Town for funding if there is a disaster.

*Motion by Kellie Merrell 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Bach to adopt the 2020 Local Emergency Management Plan and to authorize Ken Linsley to sign the LEMP on behalf of the Selectboard. Vote 5-0-0. Unanimous.*

(c) **2020 Rules of Procedure** – postponed until next meeting.

(d) **Extension for 2020 Grand List filing** – the Listers are requesting an extension to complete work relating to the 2020 grand list if necessary due to COVID-19 impacts.

*Motion by Kellie Merrell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Henry Pearl to authorize Ken Linsley to sign the document approving the extension for the 2020 grand list filing. Vote 5-0-0. Unanimous.*

**Re Appraisal** – the Listers have an agreement with NEMRC to reappraise all Danville property. The monthly installment payments which have been being paid since July 2019 be suspended as NEMRC has not done any data collection and the VT Tax

Department has recommended that no internal inspections occur in 2020. Accurate appraisals cannot be done without house inspections. NEMRC has indicated they plan to start in July, if allowed to work. Payments stopped until more details received.

(e) **Wood Dump scheduling/Bulky Waste Day**

May 30<sup>th</sup>

8 am -10 am = Eric Bach  
10 am – 12 noon = Kristin Franson  
12 noon – 3 pm = Henry Pearl

September 12<sup>th</sup>

8 am -10 am = Ken Linsley  
10 am – 12 noon = Kellie Merrell  
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Assistance with offloading of vehicles was discussed and it was noted that assistance would not be as it has been in the past due to COVID-19. Dumpsters will be set up differently and persons bringing items to the wood dump will be required to wear masks for the safety of participants. People will need to follow CDC guideline while at wood dump or they will be turned away.

(f) **COVID19**

The North Danville Community Center is looking at alternative options for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Possibly a car parade and fireworks shot off from a high hill. Social distancing has been practiced while cleaning up the outside of the Community Center and the free WiFi is being utilized by individuals in vehicles in the parking lot.

Eric Bach noted there have been no calls or concerns at the Emergency Ops Center. It will be a slow start to business openings. They are watching the numbers to make sure there is no spike. They are also waiting to see if the deadline is going to be pushed back and there are now two strands of the virus which are being watched.

Ken Linsley commended everyone for keeping people working. He noted there are a lot of activities going on in the legislature. The Department of Taxation is to collect education tax to remove the burden from towns. It will now be a state responsibility. VLCT's weekly Legislative Report has a lot of legislative activity listed in it and addresses COVID-19. The current edition of VLCT News has two pages of Danville which covers the V2V project.

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

*Motion by Eric Bach, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Henry Pearl to authorize Chair Ken Linsley to review and sign the Financial Orders on behalf of the Selectboard. Vote 5-0-0. Unanimous.*

9. **Adjourn** – *Motion by Eric Bach, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kellie Merrell to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. All in favor.*

Minutes taken by Audrey DeProspero submitted May 10, 2020 at 10:00 pm.