

Town of Danville
Selectboard Minutes
June 18, 2020
Danville Town Hall (6:00 pm)

Board Members Present Using Zoom: Eric Bach, Kristin Franson (6:15pm), Henry Pearl and Kellie Merrell

Board Members Present: Ken Linsley

Others Present: Audrey DeProspero, Curtis Larrabee, Walter McNeil and Craig Morris

Others Present Using Zoom: Wendy Somers, Keith Gadapee (6:11pm), and Casey Groff

1. **Meeting was called to order** by Chair Ken Linsley at 6:00 pm.
2. **Additions to the agenda:**
 - Facemask Resolution
 - Walter McNeil – NEKWMD
 - Unauthorized signs
3. *Motion by Henry Pearl, 2nd by Eric Bach to approve **minutes of Regular meeting of June 4, 2020.** Vote 4-0-0. Unanimous.*
4. **Visitor**
 - Curtis Larrabee – requested to open up the August 29th Bike Blessing event on the Town Green to residents on ATVs. By adding ATVs to the event, it will allow for additional persons in Town who have recreational vehicles to be able to participate. By doing such it would allow for more people from the Town of Danville to be able to attend. It is a chance for people to ride in on motorized vehicles and get a bite to eat and have their bikes blessed. There is a minimal donation which will cover Masonic expenses. The attendees will be required to adhere to social distancing.

Ken Linsley was concerned with limiting to town residents. He did not think they could legally restrict to Danville residents. Currently ATVs are only allowed on Class 3 or 4 roads, not on a Class 2 road. Class 2 roads are only allowed to be crossed at a 90 degree angle.

Curtis Larrabee was okay with opening it up to anyone who wanted to attend.

Discussed was opening the event up to travel on Class 2 roads.

Kellie Merrell reviewed the current ATV ordinance and discussed exception of use of Class 2 roads for one day for residents to go to Town Green.

Motion by Eric Bach, 2nd by Kellie Merrell to suspend ATV Ordinance for specific time period (August 29) to utilize Class 2 roads from 10am until 3pm for local residents who own ATVs to get to the Town Green where the Bike Blessing event is being held and to go home, subject to review by VLCT and subject to all COVID-19 restrictions. Vote 5-0-0. Unanimous
 - Walter McNeil – NEKWMD – attended district meeting on June 9th. Committee voted to pay off the remainder of one of the trucks. \$20,000 made last month but still the district is behind due to COVID-19 and not being able to ship items. COVID-19 reimbursement of expenses was discussed. July 1st is start of food scrap collection. No change to schedule due to COVID-19.
5. **Town Clerk (Wendy Somers)**
 - Town Clerk is open to researchers three days a week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) by appointment in the morning and afternoons. There is enough time in between appointments so Town Clerk can clean the area.

- New sewer applications are being worked on.
- Marty Beattie's rental building (aka Old Dole building/Martha Dole's old house) has changed to a residential building and sewer classification needs to be changed. The water was already changed over.

Motion by Henry Pearl, 2nd by Kellie Merrell to approve the change in classification of sewer from rental to single family at 59 Route 2E.

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

- Better Roads Grant Program paperwork for Wheelock Road requires signature.
- Hydraulically connected segments of roads are being worked on.
- Submitting safety grant to PACIF for sign package. The grant is a 50/50 match.

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

- (a) **Highway Work Manual** – Keith Gadapee – An update to wording is being sought for a clearer definition/understanding of Section 9: Paid Holidays.

Keith Gadapee reached out to Peacham and St. Johnsbury towns to see how they were paying employees on summer/winter hours. Both towns pay for hours worked.

Motion by Eric Bach, 2nd by Kristin Franson to modify Section 9 based on hours employee is working. Vote 5-0-0. Unanimous.

- (b) **Rescue Vehicle Bid** – three bids received: Isaac Pearl \$208, James Beattie \$400, and Casey Groff \$3,100.

Motion by Henry Pearl, 2nd by Kellie Merrell to accept the bid for \$3,100 from Casey Groff and to award Casey Groff the bid. This money goes in to the Capital Equipment fund for the Fire Department. Vote 5-0-0. Unanimous.

- (c) **PACIF Members discounted rate for KnowBe4 cyber awareness services**

Selectboard discussed flat fee pricing of \$1,700 for members with fewer than 25 users for a 3 year agreement.

Consensus was to put on next agenda for further discussion.

- (d) **Project Safe neighborhoods Grant** – PSN is a gun violence reduction grant.

Consensus was the grant was not relevant at the present time

- (e) **Composting** - Bob Larose has been getting a lot of inquiries at the recycling center about composting. Residents are seeking a location to bring their compost.

The cost to compost at the recycle center with NEKWMD is \$13.50 per food scrap tote and two totes per week would be needed during summer months and one tote per week in winter.

The Selectboard discussed various items such as finding a local place and/or person to pick up the compost, possibly trying composting on a temporary basis, looking into local farms and seeing if they would like the compost, checking with the meal site to see who picks up their compost, and who picks up the school's compost or the businesses in town.

Selectboard to explore more options and further discussion is needed on this topic.

- (f) **DRB Resignation** – Kristin Barany submitted an email on 6/15/20 of her resignation from the Development Review Board effective immediately.

- (g) **Facemask Resolution** – Kellie Merrell would like to pass a resolution similar to Wilmington, Brattleboro, Montpelier, Burlington and South Burlington’s resolution which requires any member of the public entering a business located in the town that is open to the public or a town owned building must wear a face covering over their mouth and nose consistent with VT Department of Health’s guidance. Kellie Merrell would like to make the Town of Danville more comfortable for older folks to go out and about. The Town of Danville has a 25% population of aging folks and as the Town opens up, she thought a facemask resolution was a way to help protect Danville residents.

Henry Pearl suggested reaching out to business owners in Town and the Chamber of Commerce to collect information regarding their feelings on this resolution.

Eric Bach noted he has found persons wearing masks are equal with individuals not wanting to wear a mask. Eric Bach thought enforcement would be an issue as there is no Constable in Town. He was okay with the Town building portion of the resolution and items that the Selectboard has control over. Eric Bach thought the Selectboard could strongly encourage persons to wear a mask but did not have the staffing or infrastructure in Town to enforce.

Kristin Franson thought having something in writing would give a business owner the power to be able to say you have to wear a mask, a posting would give a business owner a backup defense.

Henry Pearl had mixed feelings on posting a resolution as it may put business owners in an awkward position as they cannot enforce the posting.

Ken Linsley spoke with a representative of the City of Montpelier regarding the issue of their resolution requiring use of masks. The resolution indicates masks are to be worn in places of business. However, they do not have any plans regarding enforcement. They are relying on individuals to be responsive to the resolution, which they are for the most part.

Eric Bach discussed current business owners and how they are handling masks.

Consensus was to create a contact list of businesses in Town and to require facemasks in Town buildings and recommend business owners adopt same according to Governor’s Executive Order.

- (h) **Unauthorized signs** – a complaint was received regarding signs posted on the Town Green that did not have Selectboard authorization. The signs were posted to the Town light poles. The 12’ light poles belong to the Town and the 16’ poles belong to the State. There are no postings allowed anywhere on Town property without the permission of the Selectboard and will be removed if persons who placed them there do not remove them. The person(s) who put them up are unknown.

8. Financials: Orders to review and sign

Motion by Kellie Merrell, 2nd 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, 2nd by Kellie Merrell to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. All in favor.*

Minutes taken by Audrey DeProspero submitted June 24, 2020 at 11:39 pm.