

Town of Danville
Selectboard Minutes
September 17, 2020
Danville Town Hall (6:00 pm)

Board Members Present Using Zoom: Eric Bach, Kellie Merrell, Kristin Franson, and Henry Pearl

Board Members Present: Ken Linsley

Others Present Using Zoom: Kate Whitehead, Tim Ide, Dora Palmieri, Craig Morris, Evangelyn Morse and Mary Wyand

Others Present: Audrey DeProspero, Ray Cloutre, and Keith Gadapee

1. **Meeting was called to order** by Chair Ken Linsley at 6:00 pm.
2. **Additions to the agenda:**
 - Fire Arm Discharge
 - Loose Animals (pigs)
 - Governance
 - Thank You Note (Town Band)
3. *Motion by Eric Bach, 2nd by Kristin Franson to approve **minutes of the Regular meeting of September 3, 2020** as written. Vote 5-0-0. All in favor.*
4. **Visitor**
 - Walter McNeil – NEKWMD – absent
 - Tim Ide – Lister – discussed tax bill error in the value of a property which was corrected however the change has caused the need for a correction in the Grand List of a reduction of \$39,451 changing the Grand List to \$2,988,249.24. This change requires a motion by the Selectboard. Noted was the Listers spoke to Vermont Tax Department and NEMRC IT and both indicated this would not have an effect on school taxes.

Motion by Eric Bach, 2nd by Henry Pearl for the 2020 Danville Grand List to be reduced by \$39,451 to \$2,988,249.24 because of computer error. Vote 5-0-0. All in favor.

Tim Ide noted the Town wide reappraisal was going very well, 60% of the Town has had its data compiled and collected.

- Evangelyn Morse – Conservation Commission – Timber Sale Contract – contract was drawn up by Matt Langlois according to state contract and is finalized. The Selectboard is required to sign the document and mail.

Motion by Kellie Merrell, 2nd by Henry Pearl to authorize the Chair Ken Linsley to sign on behalf of the Town for the Rodgers Lot Timber Sale Contract. Vote 5-0-0. All in favor.

- Ray Cloutre – North Danville Community Center History Room – requested permission from the Selectboard to renovate the double door closet in the History Room into a display case. The top panels of the doors will be removed and replaced with glass. The need for this change is for storage of artifacts. The North Danville Association has given their approval already.

Kristin Franson wondered if this change would affect any future historical grants.

Ray Cloutre noted the Association would be retaining the panels in case they have to be replaced.

Consensus is to permit the change.

- Planning Commission – Train Station Committee Charter

Kate Whitehead spoke of the Planning Commission officially meeting and approving the Charter.

Consensus is to proceed forward with Charter which is subject to changes when issues come up.

- Kate Whitehead – Quick Build for Health grant expenditure – discussed purchase of a portable solar powered speed sign for Peacham Road. Cost and placement were discussed.

Keith Gadapee spoke of purchasing two extra road speed limit signs to put with the portable solar radar speed sign.

Motion by Eric Bach, 2nd by Kellie Merrell to authorize V2V to purchase solar powered speed radar sign for Peacham Road and two speed limit signs for \$2,250. Vote 5-0-0. All in favor.

Kate Whitehead discussed Advisory Shoulder ends in mid-October. The collection of data will then be presented to the Selectboard for an official decision of whether to install permanently or not.

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

- Ken Linsley discussed the Town Clerk's application for a \$20,000 Digitization grant that they received plus an additional \$4,000 which will cover two-thirds of the scanner cost.

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

- New truck came in.

Henry Pearl inquired about hot mix for Dole Hill.

Keith Gadapee noted hot patch comes in once a year and will be done in the fall.

Kristin Franson wondered if the goal was to patch or pave.

Keith Gadapee noted the Town did not have a roller so they could only patch. If something more was wanted then he would have to rent equipment.

Ken Linsley noted renting equipment would not be required.

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

- (a) **Danville Town Cemeteries** – Selectboard was presented with new fees for the Town Cemeteries. The fees are the same as the Danville Green Cemetery. The Danville Green Cemetery is a privately owned cemetery. Selectboard discussed using the same scale based on the Danville Green Cemetery.

Motion by Kristin Franson, 2nd by Eric Bach to approve the fee schedule as presented and to add the wording 'Non Residents are subject to waiver from Selectboard'. Vote 5-0-0. All in Favor.

- (b) **Class 4 Roads (Water Andric, Partridge Lane, Site Visit)** – Henry Pearl

Water Andric –

The road was originally closed for safety reasons. Henry Pearl contacted VLCT and received information regarding Town maintenance obligation and liability. The Town has no statutory requirements for Class 4 Roads. Henry Pearl walked the area and saw minimal signs of tire markings. He did not see that persons using it are damaging the area, and wondered whether the barriers should be removed or not.

Eric Bach noted he walked the length of the road and did not see much of persons leaving the road. Tracks seemed to stay in Right of Way.

Henry Pearl discussed persons going on other's property being a trespassing issue.

Dora Palmieri who owns property in the area noted that there is about a ten foot section which is washed out and people use her property to cross in that area. People also drive into the stream, across her property, back to the stream, and then back to the road. She is concerned and does not think it is a good idea for the Town to remove the barriers as the dirt bikes will continue to access the entire area and will trespass on her property more and drive in the stream of the Water Andric. She is okay with walkers but not motorized vehicles.

Mary Wyand noted dirt bikes and four wheelers do enter the brook. She is concerned with the removal of the barriers because it will allow the riders to freely ride in the brook. She would not like to see the road thrown up as she would lose the Right of Way to property she owns in the area. She is not concerned with snowmobilers as they enter from the wooden bridge.

Kristin Franson discussed her concerns: liability for the Town if something happens on the road, the cost to bring a trail to Class 4 status, and land locking parcels.

Henry Pearl noted there is no need to change the road to a trail unless the Town wants to remove motorized vehicles. Downgrading the road does not remove liability from the Town.

Kellie Merrell had concerns for the road being a hydrologically connected road. Kellie Merrell noted the road value was primarily for recreation.

Keith Gadapee discussed hydrologically connected roads noting Class 4 roads are less stringent than Class 3 and Class 2. Eventually the road will need to be fixed where it is washed out.

Eric Bach discussed dead end roads and inquired if the Town could dead end this road so that it would not be a thru road.

Keith Gadapee discussed meeting with the streams guy from state for options for less of a fix to open the area back up in that one section. Another portion above the bridge upstream from this area has been closed for two years.

Concern was liability for this area.

Partridge Lane –

Henry Pearl noted he was working with Toby Balivet regarding thrown up roads. Somewhere between 1962 and 1965 the area of Partridge Lane was changed. This is a work in progress.

Ken Linsley suggested establishing a criteria list to help determine if roads should be thrown up or not.

Site Visit –

Henry Pearl inquired if a site visit to Partridge Lane should be done.

Selectboard determined that a site visit was not needed at the present time and they should wait until they receive more information from Toby Balivet.

(c) **Cyber Awareness training proposal (Phillips Creative)**

Ken Linsley discussed pricing for both Phillips Creative and VLCT.

Kellie Merrell suggested accepting the virtual proposal from Phillips Creative.

Eric Bach suggested working with a local person such as Phillips Creative.

Motion by Henry Pearl, 2nd by Eric Bach to contract for one year training with Phillips Creative for \$1,400. Vote 5-0-0. All in favor.

- (d) **Town Property Criteria List, Green Rental, Town Hall Rental** – Deferred as new publication came out late today and there was no review.
- (e) **Fire Arm Discharge (conclusion)** – Ken Linsley – the Town is permitted to write an ordinance for anywhere in Town or a certain section in Town. The Caledonia Sheriff Department and State Police should be contacted if a resident has concerns. In the past the Selectboard would send a letter to the party causing the issue, however in this case the party is unknown, so a letter cannot be sent.

Kristin Franson noted she had a similar issue and did contact the State Police and they showed up to check out the situation. The State Police suggested to her that if shooting is occurring after dark she should contact the Game Warden.

Selectboard decision is not to write an ordinance.

- (f) **Loose Animals (pigs) conclusion** – Eric Bach – the roaming pigs on Stanton Road have not been seen again nor has the Health Officer heard another complaint. No other calls have come in to other Selectboard members, Town Hall or Animal Control Officer. Item is closed.
- (g) **Governance** – Subcommittees of the Selectboard – Ken Linsley – recap:
Budget – Eric Bach and Kristin Franson; Cemeteries – Eric Bach and Kristin Franson; Highways – Henry Pearl and Kellie Merrell; Resident Concerns – Ken Linsley and Henry Pearl; Wastewater Treatment Facility – Ken Linsley and Kellie Merrell
- (h) **Thank You Note from Danville Town Band** – Ken Linsley – the Danville Town Band received two to three months pick up of returnable cans and bottles which helped them purchase music.

8. Financials: Orders to review and sign

Motion by Eric Bach, 2nd by Kellie Merrell to authorize Chair Ken Linsley to review and sign the Financial Orders on behalf of the Selectboard. Vote 5-0-0. All in favor.

9. **Adjourn** – *Motion by Eric Bach, 2nd by Kellie Merrell to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. All in favor.*

Minutes taken by Audrey DeProspero submitted September 21, 2020 at 8:00 pm.