

Town of Danville Special Meeting
Public Informational Pre-Town Meeting School & Town
February 11, 2021
Meeting (7:00 pm)

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

Board Members Present: Ken Linsley

Board Members Absent: Henry Pearl

Others Present Using Zoom: Ginny Incerpi, Craig Morris, Clayton Cargill, Bruce Melendy, Peter Griffin, Robert Edgar, David Schilling, Richie Benoit, Sarah Welch, Libby Hillhouse, David Towle, Keith Gadapee, Maryellen Griffin, Wendy Somers, Vince Foy, Deb Yonkers, Dana Kraus, Kathrin Lawler, Tim Sanborn, Hailey Morgan (News 7), and Cheryl Chandler

Others Present: Audrey DeProspero

1. **Meeting was called to order** by Chair Ken Linsley at 7:01 pm.

Ken Linsley turned the Public Informational Pre-Town Meeting over to Bruce Melendy of the Danville School Board.

2. **Public Informational Pre-Town Meeting - School**

Bruce Melendy noted this was a special meeting of the Danville School Board informational meeting to discuss the budget.

School Board members Clayton Cargill, Bruce Melendy, Robert Edgar, David Towle and Tim Sanborn introduced themselves.

The School Board approved a School Budget of \$6,346,091 which is \$290,693 less than last year.

David Schilling shared his computer screen so that all could see the proposed school budget for FY21. Reviewed was significant changes, overall changes, and reduction of staff by two person, revenue, and regular education, and special education, factors affecting tax rate, education spending, and equalized pupils.

Bruce Melendy turned the meeting over to Selectboard Chair Ken Linsley.

3. **Public Informational Pre-Town Meeting - Town**

Ken Linsley called the Special Meeting of the Danville Selectboard to order at 7:13 pm.

Ken Linsley asked Eric Bach to speak on the Town's budgets.

Eric Bach discussed the General budget being level funded. Increases are general cost of living increases. The Highway budget is also level funded.

Libby Hillhouse inquired if Danville was partnering with Peacham to fix the Peacham Road.

Noted was Danville was fixing the section of the road located in Danville and it was not known what Peacham planned for their section of road.

Wendy Somers noted the Town Report print was approved yesterday and the final version should arrive next week. Roughly 700 Ballots were mailed today and the rest would follow.

Ginny Incerpi inquired if other pre-town meetings will be run similar to this one.

Noted was Zoom informational meetings would follow similar format.

Ken Linsley introduced Candidates.

Wendy Somers – running for Town Clerk and Town Treasurer. Has been with Town for twelve years. Seeks Town support in Mark.

Kellie Merrell is on her second year of her three year term with the Selectboard.

Eric Bach is running for the open position for the three year term on the Selectboard.

Kristin Franson is running for another one year term. This is her second year on the Selectboard.

Two other candidates are running for the other one year Selectboard open seat.

Peter Griffin – running for Selectboard one year. Moved to Danville in 2010 with his wife and children. Previously ran a farm in Peacham and is an attorney by trade.

Craig Morris – running for Selectboard one year seat. Has been participating in Selectboard meetings for the last couple of years.

There are three candidates for two one year Selectboard positions. The two highest vote totals will be declared winners.

John Blackmore – running for Lister position. His bio is on the Town's website. He is on his second term of a three year term.

Ed Ledo – running for Delinquent Tax Collector again.

Moderator will not have too much of a roll as in the past mostly because Town Meeting is by Australian ballot this year.

Tom Ziobrowski is running for Moderator for both School and Town.

Motion by Eric Bach, 2nd by Kellie Merrell to adjourn Selectboard part of the meeting at 7:32 pm.

4. Public Informational Pre-Town Meeting - School

Bruce Melendy – running of one year term. Bio is on the Town's website. He has been in Danville since 1991 and is very active in the community.

Robert Edgar – four years on the School Board. Running for one year term. Bio is on the Town's website.

David Towle – has been on the School Board for ten years and his bio is on the website.

Motion by Clayton Cargill, 2nd by Tim Sanborn to adjourn 7:42 pm. Vote 5-0-0. All in favor.

Minutes taken by Audrey DeProspero submitted February 14, 2021 at 9:30 pm.