

Town of Danville Special Meeting
Public Informational Pre-Town Meeting School & Town
February 22, 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: Keith Gadapee, Wendy Somers, Mark Tucker, David Schilling, Bruce Melendy, Dave Towle, Robert Edgar, Clayton Cargill, Tim Sanborn, Nancy Rome, Lila Bennett, Sam Bromberg, Kathy Hoffer, Elizabeth Ferraro, Suzanne Tanner, Ginny Incerpi, Laurel Stanley, Nancy Osborne, Hailey/News Reporter, Maryellen Griffin, Rob Balivet, Gini Lavelly, Craig Morris, Diana Moore, Kathrin Lawlor, Tim and Jenness Ide, and Peter Griffin

Others Present: Audrey DeProspero and Tom Ziobrowski

1. **Meeting was called to order** by Moderator Tom Ziobrowski at 7:01 pm.
2. **Public Informational Pre-Town Meeting - School**

Mark Tucker presented the Danville School Budget FY22. Discussed was the following:

- Significant changes: reduction to Pre-K and Elementary, teacher salary increases, support staff increases, health insurance increase 9% and no increase in dental;
- Revenue: level set and overall reduction \$290,693 (loss \$131,000);
- Regular Education: restored grant funding and overall reduction \$233,292;
- Special Educator: anticipated increase \$102,000;
- Psychological Levels: level funded, decreased library media/technology
- Superintendent Office: slight increase \$4,800;
- Principal Office: net increase \$13,000;
- Factors Affecting Tax Rate: education spending, equalized pupils, Danville's Common level of appraisal, Yield Rate as approved and Yield Rate projection; and
- Projection of Local Homestead Tax Rates FY13-FY22.

3. **Introduction of Candidates – School**

Tom Ziobrowski - running again for the Moderator position.

Dave Towle - has been on the School Board for ten years and the reason he started was for safety reasons for children.

Robert Edgar – if elected, this would be his fourth year on the School Board. He is also the Clerk of the School Board. He moved to Danville in 1998 and is a retired professional Biologist who is a well-trained skeptic. He is running for the one year term on the School Board.

Bruce Melendy - running for one year term on School Board. His career brought him to Danville in 1991. He has served on the School Board from 1999-2004 and then came back on in 2016. This will be his sixth year serving if elected again.

Phyllis Sweeney - not in attendance, however her bio is on the website.

Clayton Cargill - current member of the School Board.

Tim Sanborn - current member of the School Board.

4. **Introduction of Candidates – Town**

Tom Ziobrowski – running for Moderator.

Wendy Somers – running for Town Clerk and Treasurer.

Eric Bach – four year on Selectboard. Running for three year position on Selectboard.

Kristin Franson – Grew up in Danville. People will know her as Kristin Wyand. She moved away and then came back to raise her family. This is her second year on the Selectboard and is looking forward to starting her third.

Peter Griffin – running for one year term on Selectboard. He is new to the Selectboard and is hoping to fill the seat held by Henry Pearl who just got elected to the Legislature. People approached him and suggested that he run for the open seat. He and his family ran a greenhouse in Peacham. He has worked ten years in the General Assembly and has some association with municipal government.

Craig Morris – went to school in Danville, lived off the grid for a while before moving to the Village. He has spent the last couple of years going to Selectboard meetings to see what is going on in Town and to see how the Selectboard runs. He keeps Town's people informed of what is going on in Town.

John Blackmore – not in attendance, running for Lister position.

Ed Ledo – not in attendance, running for Delinquent Tax Collector position.

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

Tom Ziobrowski discussed:

- Town Warning in the Town Report.
- Special Appropriations haven't changed.
- Town Budget is on page 56 of the Town Report.
- Highway Budget is on page 60 of the Town Report.

Eric Bach spoke on budgets:

- Town budget is level funded.
- There is a small percentage for increase for salaries.
- Money has been put in the Capitol Building Fund for work on the Recycle Center as the space and accessibility is not meeting the current needs. Dollars have been set aside for improvements to the current building or for relocation elsewhere in a Town building.
- Highway Budget is level funded.
- There is money in the budget for Peacham Road. The Town is asking the voters for money to do the project in one year instead of stretching it out over several years.

Kathy Hoffer favored the Peacham fix and noted she was pleased to see the dog report listing all names in the Town Report.

Tim Ide noted he favored fixing Peacham Road.

Ken Linsley gave thanks to Highway Crew and Town Hall employees for all their work during COVID.

Laurel Stanley inquired about Joe's Brook Road.

Keith Gadapee noted Joe's Brook was under a grant however the grant applied for was postponed due to COVID. He is again applying for state funding for Joe's Brook Road.

Tom Ziobrowski inquired about Dole Hill Road, is it a Town or State Road and are there plans to fix?

Keith Gadapee noted Dole Hill was a Town Road and a road in need of repair but it was not on the schedule for this year.

Diane Moore inquired if the Town Warning which included Cannabis was specific to one dealer.

Ken Linsley noted the Article was a general question whether voters of the Town would allow Cannabis dealers to open a business in Danville.

6. **Adjourn**

Motion by Ken Linsley, 2nd by Kristin Franson to adjourn 7:40 pm.

Minutes taken by Audrey DeProspero submitted February 23, 2021 at 11:53 am.