

Town of Danville Special Meeting
Public Informational Pre-Town Meeting School & Town
March 1, 2021
Danville Town Hall (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: Beth Williams, Ginny Incerpi, Keith Gadapee, Wendy Somers, Bruce Melendy, Theresa Goldrick, Robert Edgar, Hailey Morgan, Sam Bromberg, Mark Tucker, Tim Sanborn, Peter Griffin, David Schilling, Sarah Welch, Nicholas Flanders, Andrea Searls, Mary Wyand, Kathy Manns, Maryellen Griffin, Clayton Cargill, Kay Freidy, David Richardson, Sarah Wentworth

Others Present: Audrey DeProspero and Tom Ziobrowski

1. **Meeting was called to order** by Moderator Tom Ziobrowski at 7:00 pm.

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

Mark Tucker discussed the Danville School Budget FY22:

- Significant changes;
- Teacher contracts still being negotiated;
- Danville School is an alternative to the two large academies down the road;
- Grants used to offset expenditures;
- \$233,292 reduction in budget;
- Technology looked into;
- Supervisory Union Administration had a slight increase;
- Adjustments to salaries in Principal's office
- Copier contract and paper cost comes from Principal's office;
- \$50,493 reduction in spending;
- Yield Rate is set by Tax Commission in December and approved by Legislature when in session;
- Tax impact;
- Net affect;
- Homestead tax rate;
- Websites for additional information; and
- Optimism for getting all kids back in classroom.

3. **Introduction of Candidates – School**

Tom Ziobrowski – Moderator for about ten years for the school.

Robert Edgar – four years on School Board, running for another one year term on School Board.

Bruce Melendy – previously served on School Board for five years.

David Towle – had a work commitment and was unable to attend this evening but has participated in the past two meetings. David Towle is running for a three year term on School Board.

Phyllis Sweeney - not in attendance. Bio is on the website.

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

Tom Ziobrowski - page 56 of the Town Report has listed Special Appropriations and Town Budget and page 60 has the Highway Budget.

Ken Linsley noted Eric Bach and Kristin Franson worked as the special Budget Committee so they could speak on the budget.

Eric Bach discussed:

- Vaccinations;
- Budgets level funded;
- Town worked on grants to cover expenses due to COVID;
- General Budget level funded;
- Small increase for salaries;
- Fire Department looking at a different model to have a stipend to entice more volunteers;
- Money put in Capital Building Fund - objective is to work on Recycle Center;
- Looking at new location for recycling at the Town garage;
- Highway Budget level funded;
- Small salary increase;
- Money moved into paving line in case ballot question not approved; and
- Ballot question to take out loan to pave Peacham Road.

Ken Linsley – level funded means taxes for 2021 are the same, no increase in expenditure.

Mark Tucker – thanked Keith Gadapee and the Highway Crew for their work to get the buses to school.

5. **Introduction of Candidates – Town**

Tom Ziobrowski – running for Moderator for Town.

Wendy Somers – running for Town Clerk and Treasurer. Started in 2008 with the Town and in 2009 became Town Clerk and Town Treasurer.

Tom Ziobrowski – there are three candidates running for the two one-year seats on the Selectboard: Kristin Franson, Peter Griffin and Craig Morris.

Kristin Franson – finished second term on the Selectboard and is running for another one year term.

Peter Griffin – running for one of the two one-year seats on the Selectboard. Has experience with local and state government. Moved to Danville in 2010, previously from Peacham.

Craig Morris – not in attendance. Bio on website.

John Blackmore – not in attendance. Running for Lister.

Ed Ledo – not in attendance. Running for Delinquent Tax Collector.

6. **Other Business**

Wendy Somers – 600 absentee ballots were processed today.

Ginny Incerpi – Article 30 in the Town Report – does State have guidelines for Town or State.

Ken Linsley – rules will be established by cannabis control board which has not yet been created.

7. **Adjourn**

Motion by Ken Linsley, 2nd by Eric Bach to adjourn at 7:40 pm.

Minutes taken by Audrey DeProspero submitted March 2, 2021 at 9:18 am.