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Town of Danville  
Board of Selectmen  
July 2, 2018  
7:00pm

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Meeting is Video-Recorded

Selectmen Present: Chairman Scott Borucki, Vice Chair Shawn O'Neil, Sheila Johannesen, David Knight, Judi Cogswell

Others Present: Patricia Shogren, Town Administrator; Members of the public: Jim Castine and Carol Baird from the Heritage Commission, Stacie O'Connor, chair of the Recreation Committee, Bruce Caillouette from the Highway Dept., Beth Caillouette.

Scott opened the meeting with a moment of silence for the troops who put themselves in harm's way. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Delegate

Stacie O'Connor updated the BOS on the status of the fireworks. She has reached out to the Fireworks company for scheduling and has given them a deadline of July 10 for a reply. If she does not hear from them by then, there will be no fireworks this year and she will work on a Fireworks program for next year (2019).

II. Heritage Commission

Jim Castine reviewed the Red Schoolhouse Inspection report with the BOS. It generally reflected that everything was the same and there were no worsening conditions. He stated the foyer did look much better, a result of work done last year. One exception was the completion of painting the foyer. Jim asked if secondary approval was needed because it was not completed last year. Scott noted that he did not believe BOS approvals had an expiration date, so no secondary approval should be needed. Dave questioned where the funds would come from. Patty stated the money would come from Town Buildings and she would make that payment.

Jim reviewed and explained the estimate for the exterior painting of the Stage Coach Stop. Karl Skinner submitted an estimate of \$2,000.00 for labor and \$165.96 for materials. Jim explained that multiple trips and a painstaking process were required to ensure that damage was not done to the aged building. Jim stated that a second company they had contacted later excused themselves from the project stating that they did not have the knowledge of the proper processes required to ensure the preservation of the building. Scott expressed concern regarding future preservation needs if Mr. Skinner was not available. Patty stated that Mr. Thompson was also knowledgeable in this field but was not available at this time. Dave motioned, seconded by Sheila to approve \$2,165.96 for the Stage Coach Stop painting. Scott asked where the funds would come from. After some discussion with Carol regarding the Heritage Commission funds, Patty stated they would come from Facilities. Shawn added a friendly amendment to the motion to increase the funds to reflect up to \$2,200.00. Dave accepted the friendly amendment. Motion passed.

Carol stated that Mr. Skinner would prefer the Town order the materials, as they must come from Canada. After a short discussion, Patty will meet with Jim on Thursday, July 5 and order the paint materials.

Jim discussed the replacement of the Stage Coach sign. He has contacted a company Get On Board LLC who can recreate the sign almost exactly using all-weather materials. The cost is \$280.00. Shawn motioned to approve the withdrawal of up to \$300.00 from the Heritage Fund for the sign. Seconded by Dave; Motion passed.

Dave congratulated Jim on the Stage Coach Stop Historical Marker that the State is providing and asked about the installation. Jim stated he was told it would 6-8 weeks and he was not sure how it worked, if the State would just install the sign, or if he would be notified prior to the installation.

Patty stated that she had received an inquiry into the sign at the prior Sweet House. Jim explained that Bob Meany had paid for the sign himself, but that the Heritage Commission had put the wording together. He stated that he still had access to the website he used and would forward that information to Patty.

### III. Recreation

Scott stated that he had received a complaint from the Recreation Committee regarding Board of Selectmen member Sheila Johannesen. He outlined the process of handling this complaint. 1) He would read the complaint and express his response. 2) Sheila would then have an opportunity to respond to the complaint if she wished. 3) Other BOS members and the public would have an opportunity to respond as he recognized them. Scott stated that all responses were to remain civil, related to the matter at hand, and refer only to the facts of the complaint. He reserved the right to end any discussion that resulted in an escalation of emotion, was unrelated to the complaint, and did not add value to the discussion. Scott read the complaint, dated June 22 aloud.

#### Responses:

Scott: the BOS does not have the authority to stop bad-speaking or online posting by any of its members. However, we can let them be made public so that Danville voters can be made aware. Ultimately, the voters can end such comments by either contacting the Selectmen or voting them out. Scott referenced an earlier incident in which Sheila had requested the removal of the Building Inspectors information after an accident before he subsequently passed away. He stated that he felt a later posting of the Senior Coffee Hour would have been ineffective. Scott again reminded everyone to wait until he recognized them before speaking.

Sheila: First, the Coffee Hour was posted on the same day as the wake of the deceased and she found that disheartening. The post appeared directly under the obituary of the deceased. Second, she does not see half the posts because she is blocked which is fine with her.

Shawn: I do see the animosity that has been transcribed over the years with Recreation and Selectman Johannesen. There has been an ongoing battle with Stacie O'Connor from a past warrant issue with ACO.... I just shake my head and move on because it is a continuing thing. Selectman Johannesen is not the town spokesperson for the decorum of when events are posted. She can write anything anytime she wants. Best advice is to ignore her, as there is not much substance in that content. She has a couple of followers, c'est la vie.

Judi: Would like to apologize to Recreation myself as a member of the BOS and to recognize all the hard work that Recreation does to bring family events to town.

Shawn: Agrees with Judi's statement that they (Recreation) do a lot of good work and are demeaned by several individuals in town repeatedly. At least they are stepping up and doing something. We have some members of this Board who sit here, attend these meetings, and do nothing else and that tends to get disheartening. At some point though I almost like it because the content and quality of the person put forward is very critical and when you don't have the people, I wouldn't support putting someone forward for just a warm body.

Stacie: (directed to Sheila) yes, you are blocked on my personal Face Book. I've created, as Chairman of Recreation, a Danville Recreation profile page that is always public and is used for Recreation postings only. I do not share on the Recreation page. I am separate from Recreation. If you have a problem with me, please speak to me. I tried to speak to you personally in person and you walked out. All I'm asking you is because the last time I didn't post the Senior Coffee Hour on time, you had negative comments. I posted this time on the Monday of the week before the Friday and still had a nasty comment. I'm asking you to stop. There are five other members busting their butts to provide things for this town... The Senior Coffee Hour was posted before the obituary. Your comments brought it to the top. I can demonstrate the timeline.

I'm just asking you to stop. It is discouraging to other Board members who take from their own families to do this for the town. That's all I'm asking.

Carol: The Heritage Commission is investigating a social media policy because they would like to post events for the town. Two of them also watched a webinar from the LGC and one of the things recommended strongly that if you post event to Face Book for town events, that you turn off commenting to avoid things like this.

Scott: That's probably not a bad idea in my opinion.

Stacie: I would do that, but that's how we get feedback for our events.

Scott: I'm certainly not going to dictate how other committees decide to set up their policies or run their Face Book social media pages. I certainly don't think that shutting off commenting on certain things, like the Senior Coffee Hour might not be a bad idea. If you're asking for feedback, then you could leave commenting open. Stacie agreed that she could do that.

Dave: I'm disappointed that when any group of volunteers in town steps forward to do things that anybody in a supervisory role would do anything to put a negative light or do anything to enhance a negative. We all make mistakes, we all do things wrong. For one of us as a Selectman to point that out publicly makes it 2-3 times worse, creates pain, creates no correction, and makes volunteers wonder why they are doing it. I would recommend that in supervisory roles we do it in a proper and professional manner and stay off Face Book and personal comments.

Shawn: I agree Dave, but we must remember it's an individual we're talking about and her character and that explains a lot.

Dave: That goes beyond the scope of the statement. I would encourage us to look for ways to work together instead of telling the world how much we're apart.

Scott agrees with Dave's statement and closes discussion. He begins to move on to Signature Files and realizes that Bruce also has an item under Recreation.

The swing-set that was added had been approved by a prior board and purchased several years ago but was only recently installed. Somebody had posted a comment about foul balls and a concern about the safety of the kids. Bruce explained that a member of the earlier BOS had asked the exact same question and after reviewing other sites on the field that was the only place it could be installed is where it was ultimately installed. It is installed an additional 3' back from the recommended distance from the baseline. Scott inquired into the possibility of putting up netting at least during the baseball season. Bruce explained that the swing set was there for the younger siblings. Judi commented that it was up to the parents and is the parents' responsibility to use common sense and to watch their kids.

Bruce wanted to clarify that the swing-set had not been installed prior to this due to a lack of time and manpower. He used a county work crew from the county prison to help with the installation of the shade covers, was pleased with their work, and will use them again.

Scott asked that someone look into the cost of putting up the netting. Discussion of length of time it would need to be up. Stacie stated the fields are in use from spring through fall. Sheila suggested that the cost of installing security cameras also be looked into. Judi recommended that someone should talk to the Town insurance company regarding the liability issues raised. Bruce will install another "use at own risk" sign.

Scott moved on to discuss another issue at the Day Field; the vandalism and graffiti on the playground equipment and the shed. Looking for input on solutions. Has been told that vandalism of municipal property is a federal offense.

Scott stated publicly that if we catch somebody vandalizing the equipment or the town property, they will be prosecuted to the fullest extent possible.

Shawn stated that he feels it is time to explore the use of security cameras, not just at the field but also at the Town Hall. The Police cameras installed several years ago monitor the back of the building. A system like that, reasonably priced, should be installed at Town Hall and at the Community Center.

Scott outlined a new system he's aware of that works on a motion detector and when activated, lights up and begins recording at the same time. It is also customizable so as not to be activated during events, etc.

Dave asks who's going to investigate this. Stacie stated that Dave had found vandalism to the shed when he was looking at the swings and notified Stacie. Stacie filed a police report and will keep the BOS updated.

Consensus of the BOS was to talk to Wade (Police Chief Parsons) for recommendations. Stacie also suggested asking Xfinity for ideas. Patty will speak to Wade for suggestions and will investigate the cost of a system from Xfinity.

Judi had a question regarding the signs for the Parking Lot. Patty stated that letters had gone out to the Baseball people and that Wade had informed his officers to ticket illegally parked cars. Stacie has arranged a towing company if it continues to be a problem.

Scott continued the discussion of the parking issue. If it continues to be a problem, the BOS has the option of telling Baseball that they will have to pay for a police detail as is done in other communities. Town should not be using its resources for ticketing and towing. Baseball has been told it's a problem and been given an opportunity to get it under control. It is the parents that refuse to comply.

Scott states that it is his understanding that Baseball has still not provided the BOS with a COI and a complete schedule as agreed upon at a previous meeting. Dave stated that technically without a COI there should be no access to the Fields. Shawn suggested that the issue be added to the letter re: parking giving them a deadline, after which there would be no access to the fields. Scott recommended giving them a deadline and if they don't comply to contact the Town insurance for a policy and then invoice Baseball for that coverage. Dave recommended that Baseball provide a COI by the July 16 meeting and invite them to the July 16 meeting. Scott stated that moving forward annually, Baseball should provide the COI and schedule prior to the season. If this information is not provided, they will not be allowed to use the Town fields.

Dave expressed his concern that asking for this information in this manner might appear as if the BOS does not appreciate all that Baseball does. He wanted to be sure that everyone know that Baseball's efforts are very much appreciated, but these are minimum standards and these small details must be met. Scott also expressed his appreciation for Baseball's time and effort.

#### IV. Signature File

Note: Signature file process began prior to realizing Bruce needed to discuss the playground equipment.

Dave motioned to accept the alternates to the Recreation Committee: Shawn O'Neil and Katie Husson. Seconded by Sheila. Motion passed, Shawn abstained.

Shawn stated that the BOS is in the final stages of the annual audit. Part of the financial process is a management letter and responses. He has been working with Patty on the responses. Scott asks if everyone had read the responses, all affirmed they had done so. Discussion follows. Dave notes that the BOS is expected to rely on the Auditors if we did not meet the standards. Dave motioned to have the Chair sign the report, seconded by Judi. Motion passed.

Shawn comments that the financial statements reflect the quality of the books kept by the Town, the Selectmen, and all the departments are balanced with the Treasurer monthly. It has resulted in maintaining a level cost for the audit.

Patty informs the BOS that she has not received a request for the school payment schedule for the next six months. Shawn responds that the BOS should leave the money in the Town's account until the request is received.

Scott reads a notice that Virtual Towns and Schools has been acquired by Civics Plus.

Minutes:

Judi motioned to accept the public minutes with an amendment. Sheila wanted to correct the minutes with the right number of unregistered dogs and it was stated that those minutes needed to be approved as was stated in the meeting and a correction can be made following the accepting of the minutes. Motion seconded by Dave. Motion passed. Sheila abstained.

After discussion of the proper format, Dave motioned to accept the 6:45PM Non-Public minutes as written. Seconded by Shawn. Motion passed.

Dave motioned to accept the 8:41 Non-Public Minutes. Seconded by Shawn. Motion passed. Sheila abstained.

#### V. Old/New Business

**Noise Ordinance:** Scott has received a request for a noise ordinance. Wade has explained that without a regulation or ordinance he cannot enforce a noise complaint. The BOS has received a copy of the Noise Ordinance from Belmont. Scott read pertinent RSA 644:2 (3A). Dave explains that the RSA allows a town to create a noise

ordinance or regulation and the RSA is not a noise ordinance. When one is in place, it is then enforceable, but that the RSA itself is not enforceable. Scott would like the Chief's input. Sheila asked what brought the issue on. Patty responded that it was in response to fireworks, parties, and barking dogs. Consensus of the BOS is to have the Police Chief at the July 16 meeting and a public hearing on a proposed regulation at the July 30 meeting. Patty will rework the Belmont ordinance to reflect the needs of Danville.

**School CIP Representation:** Shawn reported that the original CIP Board was to consist of one School Board Member and one BOS member from each participating town. However, at the last meeting, Plaistow had four representatives: two School Board members, a Budget Committee member and a BOS member. The chair at that meeting determined that a quorum had been met and proceeded with the meeting. He also noted that there were questions on the CIP board due to his dual role as a Selectman and as an appointed School Board member, even though Kim was clearly present as the School Board representative. Discussion followed regarding the right of the BOS to select their representative and the necessity for continuity on the CIP Board. Scott motioned to reaffirm Shawn O'Neill as the town's representative to the CIP Board. Seconded by Judi. Friendly amendment by Dave to state that Shawn is the BOS representative. Scott accepts the friendly amendment. Motion passed. Shawn abstains. Patty will send a letter of the reaffirmation to the CIP Board.

**Correction:** Sheila stated that there were two pages of unregistered dogs and the total amount outstanding is 116 unregistered dogs, not the \$104.00 originally recorded.

**Far View Cul de Sac:** Dave requested that this be put on the agenda for the next meeting. Attorney had sent a letter to Janet, the Chair and the Vice-Chair on how to proceed. The first step the BOS can do on its own by filling out the deed and having Dave Storey sign it. The second step is a vote at town meeting that would require a warrant to discontinue the old cul de sac use. Scott requests drafting the language for the warrant. Consensus of the Board is that Patty will tell Janet to get the deed and she will have it signed.

Dave asked Scott if the meeting with Cable took place. Scott affirmed that it did, however Shawn was unable to attend. Scott is now waiting for a review of his notes by Barry that will be worded into a response to Comcast.

Scott read a request from the Recreation Committee for members of the BOS to sign up for the dunk tank. Unenthusiastic discussion followed. There were no volunteers.

## VI. Town Announcements

### Open Committee Seats:

Forestry- 1 Open position, 1 Alternate  
Heritage- 1 Alternate position  
ZBA- 1 Alternate position

On July 29 from 2:00PM-4:00PM, the Little Red School House on Main Street (across from Hersey) will be open

On September 23 from 2:00-4:00PM, Paul Wainwright will be at the Old Meeting House to talk about the Old Meeting Houses around the state. Dave also states that this person has completed an atlas of all the Meeting Houses in NH.

Scott would rather not wait to do the Annual Meeting during All Home days due to the onset of darkness. Dave suggests that annual meeting be held at the OMH first BOS meeting in August (August 13) Consensus of the BOS is that the Annual Meeting will be held during the BOS meeting on Aug. 13.

Shawn motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Sheila. Motion passed.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

Minutes transcribed by video provided on the Town of Danville website.

Respectfully Submitted  
Deborah A. Christie





## Patricia Shogren

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**From:** Scott Borucki <scottborucki@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 17, 2018 12:09 PM  
**To:** Patricia Shogren  
**Subject:** Fwd: Danville Rec  
**Attachments:** Capture+\_2018-06-22-07-22-30-1.png

FYI

----- Original Message -----

From: Stacie O'Connor <staciedanvillerec@gmail.com>  
To: Shawn O'Neil <shawn\_oneil@alum.rit.edu>, Patricia Shogren <pshogren@townofdanville.org>, Judi Cogswell <judi.cogswell@gmail.com>, changewrks@aol.com, ScottBorucki@comcast.net  
Date: June 22, 2018 at 3:55 PM  
Subject: Danville Rec

Hello,

I am sending you this email in regards to a post made by Danville. Rec on the SENIORS facebook page. We had posted the flyer notifying the seniors of the upcoming coffee hour and again selectmen Johannesen has come and added a comment. Recreation is sorry that a senior has lost a family member, but this is just another way for her to belittle, or try to make rec look bad, she and a couple others have been speaking with other seniors about not attending senior coffee and has caused a divide with in the senior members in town. We are looking for a way that this constant bad speaking of rec by her could be stopped. I have included the screen shot of the comment. Any help the bos can provide us to stop this from further dividing the seniors and stop the bad mouthing of rec would help. The members on rec give their time, to provide these events for the town and its a constant battle. We look forward to hearing your feed back and are willing to attend the next bos meeting if needed to discuss this matter.

Thank you,  
Danville Rec.

The Board of Selectmen received a complaint from the Danville Recreation Committee about a sitting member of this board (Selectman Johannesen). Before I read the complaint I would like to ask that all the board members respectfully allow me to read the complaint and my comments prior to responding. I will allow the Sheila to respond to the complaint prior to hearing any comments from the rest of the board or the public. Once Sheila has been allowed to comment I would ask you wait to be noticed before commenting. I would also like all discussion to remain civil and not escalate any reaction or tone. Please keep emotion out of the discussion and stick to the facts. I will allow public comment, but I will reserve the right to end any discussion that escalates the situation, is unrelated to this complaint, or that does not add value to the discussion.

The email received on June 26, 2018 reads.

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Thank you,  
Danville Rec.

While I don't believe this board has the authority to stop this "bad speaking" or online posting, we can let it be made public so the voters of Danville are aware. Ultimately the voters are the only ones that can end such comments. I will also use this time to point out the hypocrisy displayed by Selectmen Johannesen. Sadly one of Danville's seniors passed away on June 14, 2018. The Recreation Committee posted the flyer about senior coffee hour on June 21<sup>st</sup>. This was a full week after the passing of this resident. The coffee hour was scheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup>. In response to this Sheila wrote "To who ever posted the coffee hour, could you have shown some respect and posted this later to give the grieving seniors some respect. Thank you". In fairness and my opinion any posting much later would not have been effective in getting the work out for this event.

The hypocrisy from Selectmen Johannesen comes from her response to the tragic event surrounding the Town's former building inspector that occurred on February 20, 2018. Just one day later on February 21, 2018 Selectmen Johannesen sent an email to the Town Administrator stating and I quote "Patty, on the towns web site, can you please take down Ed's information on there....Sheila". Sadly Ed passed away two days later on February 23, 2018.



I will remind everyone to remain civil, allow Selectmen Johannesen to speak without interruption. Please wait until called on if you wish to comment. I will now allow Selectmen Johannesen to respond if she wishes to do so.

