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Town of Danville
Board of Selectmen
June 8, 2015
7:00 pm

Selectmen Present: Chairman Shawn O'Neil, Vice-Chair Chris Giordano, Kimberly Farah, Sheila Johannesen

Others present: Patricia Shogren, Janet Denison, Bruce Caillouette, David Caillouette, Christiann Caillouette, Carsten, Josh Horns, George Manos and wife, Michelle Cooper, Michelle O'Neil, Nancy Steenson, Rob Collins, Chris Stafford, Ann Powers, Stacy O'Connor, Aurie Roy, Brian Boyle-Atkinson; Jennifer Caruso, Cathy Gorman-Sandown, Arthur Green-Sandown

Chairman O'Neil opened the meeting with a moment of silence for the troops who put themselves in harms way. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Delegate

Bruce Caillouette queried the board regarding the previous meeting and the concern of the town truck parked at an address which was announced was his son's address by Selectman Johannesen. He asked if there were any questions or concerns, why didn't Selectman Johannesen pick up the phone and ask. He stated he was out trimming brush and chipping from the winter storm debris and around noon his son had called and asked if he had any wood chips. Since the chips were on the truck, he stopped and dropped some off. This is available to anyone in town who may request chips or a load of fill, and he can oblige as long as he has some on hand. Selectman Farah apologized to Bruce and stated it was not the intention to way-lay him or his department and a policy is needed to address and instruct board members on how to address issues with employees and/or town workers.

David and Christiann Caillouette distributed a letter to the board addressing Selectman Johannesen's statements at the previous meeting stating their name and address in a public meeting without ever contacting them or trying to get answers to her questions before naming them in a public forum (letter attached). David stated that the incident in question occurred nearly two-weeks prior to the BOS meeting; plenty of time in which Johannesen could have contacted them with any questions or concerns. In discussion that followed, Christiann stated Johannesen's statements and innuendos were inappropriate and the information discussed in public came from an unknown source at a grocery store, this gossip repeated by Johannesen at a public meeting, and an apology was needed. Johannesen disagreed and did not apologize. Chairman O'Neil apologized to them and stated that questions of this sort which addressed employees or individuals should be brought up in a non-public session [91-A:3 II (c)] to protect people's reputation.

Michelle Cooper addressed a similar issue stating that she and her husband were brought up by Selectman Johannesen at the previous meeting and that Johannesen made assumptions about the circumstances, stated these assumptions in public, and never called or asked prior to the meeting to see what was going on. She stated that Johannesen needed to be careful of trying to tarnish people's reputation.

I. Signature File / Minutes

Selectman reviewed the May 27, 2015 minutes. After the addition of revisions from Carol Baird regarding her presentation to the board, it was decided that Patty would make the revisions given and redistribute the minutes for review again before final approval. Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Johannesen, to amend the draft as discussed; motion passed.

II. School discussion – Board members: Rob Collins, Nancy Steenson; Budget Board members: Michelle O'Neil, Joshua Horns

The Selectman and school representatives discussed many issues and concerns about the schools including budget, school closing, and busing. Selectman Farah asked the school reps about the relatively large surplus that the school will have, 1.9 million stated at the last school board meeting and figures of up to 2.3 million now. Nancy Steenson stated she could not speak to this, she did not know the actual numbers.

The representatives were asked if Sandown Central would close as the voters requested and Nancy stated the warrant article was not looking to close the school. The two related articles stated 'should we keep Sandown Central open' and 'should we withdraw from the capital reserve to update the kitchen.'

A large concern was the fact that the Town of Sandown had put the school district on notice that the town would not be responsible for any capital improvements. Rob Collins stated that the school's legal department stated Sandown was a district member until they were not members anymore. Selectman Farah asked that the school provide this in writing to the Board so that Danville was assured that they were protected.

A lengthy discussion continued including capital improvement plans, sprinklers at Danville Elementary, and the under-performance of the Danville students who were once at the top of the NECAP scores. Also, it was asked why our superintendent is one of the highest paid administrators in the state and our teachers' pay is below the state average. .

In closing, Danville's need of information denied by the school board for updating our Impact Fees was discussed. Carsten Springer distributed a simple, doable plan that will obtain the information necessary for the study and not contain any personal information regarding students, etc. and he asked that the school board members please consider this plan.

III. Old Home Day update

Chris Stafford – Old Home Day Adhoc committee chair, Ann Powers – Recreation Committee and Stacy O'Connor updated the Board on plans for Old Home Day. Ann outlined Recreation's plans on including fireworks at the event and the fund-raising activities being done to support this addition to the weekend activities.

IV. Signature file/Minutes – continued

Selectmen signed the 2015-12 Warrants for payroll and vendors, \$27,803.74 and \$600,774.78 (includes ½ of the school payment) respectively.

It was noted that Chief Woitkun and Chairman O'Neil, as the Board's representative to the District HazMat group, need to review our HazMat Ordinance.

Selectman Farah made the motion, seconded by Vice-chair Giordano, to approve the 5/27/15 9:45pm nonpublic minutes as written; motion passed.

Selectman Farah made the motion, seconded by Vice-chair Giordano, to approve the 5/27/15 10:15pm nonpublic minutes as written; motion passed.

It was decided to postpone the policy review.

V. Old/New Business

Selectmen addressed the appointment of a new selectman. Selectman Johannesen nominated candidate George Manos, seconded by Selectman Farah and Chairman O'Neil nominated candidate Joshua Horns, seconded by Vice-chair Giordano; both nominations failed due to a tie vote.

Selectman Johannesen thanked Aurie, George, and Josh for their interest in the position. Selectman Johannesen stated that she supported George because he received 10 more votes on the ballot than Josh did in the March election. Selectman Farah stated that she agreed with that but also stated that Josh had previous experience as a selectman and had proven himself as capable and knowledgeable.

Selectman Farah stated she had attended the Selectman's class and asked the specific question regarding tie votes. It was explained to her that a stalemate could be taken to court but that the court system would kick it back to the selectmen. Selectman Farah also stated that if the board could not come to an agreement they could wait until the next election for a replacement Selectman. She stated tie votes needed to be avoided.

Selectman Farah nominated candidate Joshua Horns for selectman, seconded by Vice-chair Giordano; motion passed. Selectman Johannesen voted no. Josh was sworn in as our new selectman by Chairman O'Neil.

Selectman Farah stated she was waiting on a date to meet with the state along with Carol Baird and Bill Gard regarding the Cy Pres and hopefully resolve this issue.

At 9:50pm Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (d). Roll call vote: O'Neil – yes, Johannesen – yes, Inman – yes, Farah – yes, Giordano – yes; motion passed.

At 10:05pm Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Farah, to go continue/remain in non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c). Roll call vote: O'Neil – yes, Johannesen – yes, Horns – yes, Farah – yes, Giordano – yes; motion passed.

At 10:25pm Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Farah, to return to public session. Roll call vote: O'Neil – yes, Johannesen – yes, Horns – yes, Farah – yes, Giordano – yes; motion passed.

Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to seal the minutes for reasons outlined in RSA 91-A:3 II (d) and RSA 91-A:3 II (c). Roll call vote: O'Neil – yes, Johannesen – yes, Horns – yes, Farah – yes, Giordano – yes; motion passed.

At 10:30pm Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Johannesen, to adjourn; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Shogren
Selectman's Administrator