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Town of Danville
Board of Selectmen
October 27, 2014
7:00 pm

Selectmen Present: Shawn O'Neil-Chairman, Vice-Chair Chris Giordano, Annemarie Inman, Michelle Cooper, Kimberly Farah

Others present: Maryann DiStephano, Frances Skinner, Chief Steve Woitkun, Brian Delahunty, John Hughes, Robert Sharpe

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 Session - none

II. Budget

4220.10 Fire Department - \$294,544: *Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to approve the Fire Department budget for \$294,544.00; motion passed.* Budget is level-funded except for COLA increases and \$625 in Office Supplies to cover the yearly subscription to maintain FireHouse (software). Selectman Farah referenced an email she had sent about the data from the MS-5 for municipalities across the state being available for download. Following a lengthy discussion on how all fire departments in the state differed from one another in structure, benefits offered, volunteers, and part-time and full-time employees, it was explained that information gathered from the MS-5 did not accurately present the cost(s) of any one fire department in the state. Chief Woitkun showed where employment costs and pensions costs are reflected under personnel in Sandown's budget as Sandown was used by Selectman Farah as a comparison.

4290.10 Emergency Management - \$8,076 (level-funded): *Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Farah, to approve the 4290.10 Emergency Management budget for \$8,076.00; motion passed.*

4196.10 Insurance Other - \$34,937: *Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Farah, to approve the 4196.10 Insurance Other budget for \$34,937.00; motion passed.*

III. Signature File / Minutes

Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to authorize the Chair to sign the Rockingham County Prosecution contract for 2015; motion passed.

It was clarified that the Intent to Cut form for PSNH was still not complete. Vice-chair Giordano stated that the corridor was being widened, extensive work being done, and the felling of trees did not fall under incidental maintenance. Patty was instructed to ask Janet what RSA that the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) is referring to and to clarify the noted exemption received from DRA.

Selectman signed the Tax Warrant. Chairman O'Neil explained that the Town tax rate increased from \$5.14 to \$5.15. He stated that \$339,288 was applied to the tax rate from the unreserved fund balance. \$54,702.71 was applied to the tax rate from Impact Fees collected. He stated that the tax bills will be out on/before November 1 with a due date of December 1, 2014. The tax rate approval email thread was noted for the minutes. Selectman Farah stated the overall increase of the school was approximately 6% and suggested we have our school board representative in to a meeting.

Selectmen discussed the proposed February 7, 2015 Deliberative Session date requested by Moderator Barry Hantman and both Selectmen Inman and Farah stated they were not comfortable having the session on the last day allowed and wanted a guarantee that a snow date could be held after this final date. Patty will contact Barry.

Patty will follow up with Bruce Mayberry regarding the updates requested in the Impact Fee Study contract.

Selectman discussed the correspondence received from Town Counsel regarding the restriction of the discharge of firearms on Town Property except for hunting as allowed by a specific RSA (Patty will get that RSA). Discussion went back and forth on having a temporary fix, holding a hearing(s) with the proposed regulation change, and/or including the change in a Warrant Article. Vice-chair Giordano stated all town-owned property needed to be included, not just the area that is currently being abused. Selectman Inman explained that the Selectmen have been charged with the management of all real property of the town. She spoke of the group in town that tried to keep up with the trash and debris that resulted from target shooting in the Town Forest but that this was no longer being done on a regular basis. It was noted that trees are being shot which is destruction of property and that shooting occurred within 300 feet of residences which is reckless endangerment. Chairman O'Neil stated that no matter what is done, it all still comes down to a matter of enforcement.

Selectman reviewed the Warrant Article submitted by Vice-chair Giordano for the extension of lease terms the Selectman may enter into. Vice-chair Giordano stated the Article had been reviewed by Town Counsel. Vice-chair Giordano noted that RSA41:1A II allowed for this lease extension by the Board. Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to move the warrant article forward for the 2015 ballot; motion passed.

Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Farah, to approve the October 20, 2014 minutes as amended; motion passed. Selectman Cooper abstained.

IV. Old / New Business

Chairman O'Neil read the announcements.

Selectman Farah asked if a schedule could be arranged for Selectman coverage at the voting polls. Selectman Inman stated she was available 6:00PM to closing, Vice-chair Giordano stated he could cover 8:00AM until noon, and Selectman Farah stated she could cover noon until 3:00PM. Chairman O'Neil stated he would need to check his schedule for the 3:00PM until 6:00PM coverage; Selectman Cooper stated she is working a full-time job.

At 9:00pm Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to adjourn; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Shogren
Selectmen's Administrator