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Town of Danville
Board of Selectmen
November 17, 2014
7:00 pm

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

Others present: Janet Denison, Mary Ann DiStephano, Bill Letsky – VTS, Frances Skinner, Police Chief Wade Parsons, Sheila Johannesen

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. None
- II. Virtual Town & School – Bill Letsky

Bill Letsky of VTS presented the website building capabilities of VTS using the Drupal platform. He reviewed how individuals could have specific access to applicable pages, upload, post, create forms for online completion, as well as manage start and stop dates for notices. Selectman Farah confirmed that if the company were to close, the Town would receive all the needed data to maintain the page, in its current form, with a new host.

III. Budget

4210.10 Police Department - \$479,156: *Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to approve the 4210.10 Police Department budget for \$479,156.00; motion passed. Selectman Cooper abstained.*

4210.20 Animal Control - \$2,000.00: *Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to approve the 4210.20 Animal Control budget for \$2,000.00; motion passed. Selectman Cooper abstained.*

After the motion to approve the Animal Control budget was made and seconded and during the following discussion, Sheila Johannesen requested to present an Animal Control budget. Chairman O'Neil stated he did not have an issue with that but Vice-chair Giordano stated that Animal Control was under the supervision of the Police Department and Chief Parsons had already presented the Police Department budget for Animal Control. The Board agreed not to accept a budget that was not under the purview of the Police Department. The motion was then passed

4130.30 Town Report/Meeting docs – \$1,450.00: *Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Farah, to approve the 4130.30 Town Report/Meeting docs budget for \$1,450.00; motion passed.*

IV. Signature File / Minutes

Selectmen signed the contract for TerraMaps –GIS and mapping. It was decided to go with the 10% savings offered with the three-year contract. Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to authorize the Chair to sign the HealthTrust insurance costs for 2015; motion passed and the document was signed.

Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to approve the November 10, 2014 minutes as amended; motion passed. O'Neil and Farah abstained.

V. Old / New Business

Vice-chair Giordano discussed his comments made last week during the absence of Chairman O'Neil and Selectman Farah. He repeated

“... the authority of the Forestry Committee as outlined in the RSAs is very vague. He cannot see giving the Forestry total authority, especially where issues of safety and liability are concerned. Vice-chair Giordano discussed the input from the audience of the previous BOS meeting noting that although he agreed with Phil Emilio’s statement that a Discharge of Firearms Regulation should go before the voters and be accepted as an ordinance, he had reservations that it could be voted down and the safety issues and liability would still exist and the town would have no protection in the event of an incident. Vice-chair Giordano suggested an advisory warrant article be drafted for the people for their feedback.”

Chairman O’Neil disagreed stating that he believed the entire management of the Forest was given to Forestry, not just the management of the trees. Both Vice-chair Giordano and Selectman Inman disagreed. Selectman Inman stated that the Board of Selectman appointed the members of the Forestry Committee and the ultimate responsibility of the forest, including the safety, belonged to the Selectman. She believes onus was on the BOS as well as the liability if any incidents were to occur; the forest is an asset of the town and the BOS is responsible for it.

Patty was asked to contact Peter Loughlin and LGC to obtain a more definitive description of the RSA that outlines forestry. Patty was asked to put Forestry on the agenda for December 1 with a definite time to discuss this with the Board.

Chairman O’Neil read the announcements.

At 9:15pm Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to adjourn; motion passed.

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Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Shogren
Selectmen’s Administrator