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Town of Danville
Board of Selectmen
December 8, 2014
7:00 pm

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

Others present: Maryann DiStefano, Tim Howard – RMON Networks, Stacy Kennedy, Evan Dewire, Arthur Greene, Michelle O'Neil

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

Selectmen reviewed a home business application from Evan Dewire for Build-It-Up Builders LLC located at 40 Boulder Drive. Vice-chair Giordano reviewed the eight criteria that are required for a home business from the zoning ordinance with Mr. Dewire. Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Farah, to approve a home business for Evan Dewire to be located at 40 Builder Drive; motion passed.

II. Budget

4150.60 Information Technologies - \$34,071:

Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Farah, to approve the 4150.60 Information Technologies budget for \$34,071.00; motion passed.

4241.20 Building Inspector - \$1,250: *Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Farah, to approve the 4241.20 Building Inspector budget for \$1,250.00; motion passed. Increase includes COLA only.*

III. Signature File

Selectman signed Payroll warrant 2014-25 for \$26,564.38 and Vendor warrant 2014-25 for \$160,599.48. Selectman signed two Veteran Tax Credits, a veteran credit reinstatement per a life estate, and an Elderly Exemption.

Selectman discussed the letter drafted by Selectman Farah that she would like to read to the school budget committee. School budget committee representative Michelle O'Neil was in attendance and stated that there is much more entailed to the operation, staffing, and support of a school system and that she took offense and felt it is a slap in the face to her that the SelectBoard would draft such a letter to the school budget committee. She stated that after nine years on the committee and the decision not to run two years ago left the position open with no others stepping forward to run for the school budget committee and instead of leaving the seat open, she accepted the post due to receiving the most write-in votes for the post on the ballot. Michelle stated she has not received a phone call or an email from any residents with questions or to discuss any issues. She asked for the Board and the town residents to help her help them.

Vice-chair Giordano stated that the letter is a general statement and was not meant to be a personal affront to anyone but is trying to impress upon the committee that Danville has consistently voted for the default budget, along with Sandown, yet does not have a voice due to the combined voting population of Plaistow and Atkinson. Discussion followed regarding a meeting with the school to discuss the Articles of Agreement and how they needed to be updated and made fairer to Danville.

Chairman O'Neil acknowledged Mr. Greene from the audience and Mr. Green stated that problem is the school is spending too much and the school needed to manage the staffing levels with retirement pensions increasing \$500,000 and an increase of 44% in cost per pupil over the last seven years.

Michelle O'Neil stated she would not acknowledge Mr. Green's statements since he has failed to provide to the committee any documentation to support the numbers he continues to infer and quote. She recapped the services currently offered to students and asked that questions go to the board and not an individual representative. Chairman O'Neil stated that nothing could be solved in a 15 minute discussion and the meeting needed to move on with town business. He stated a warrant article would be drafted.

IV. Minutes

Selectman Farah made the motion, seconded by Vice-chair Giordano to accept the December 1, 2014 minutes as amended; motion passed. Selectman Inman abstained.

VI. Old / New Business

It was stated that checks made out to vendors needed to be reflected with the name of the insured from the Certificate of Insurance.

Selectman decided to move forward with a regulation to restrict the discharge of firearms on town property with the exception of hunting and asked that a public hearing be scheduled for December 22, 2014 and the hearing posted accordingly. It was decided to put forth a warrant article for the voters to approve this as an ordinance to address the matter of public safety on town property.

Chairman O'Neil read the announcements.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Shogren
Selectman's Administrator