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Town of Danville  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes  
November 28, 2011  
7:00 PM

Selectmen Present: Shawn O'Neil – Chairman, Chris Giordano-Vice Chairman, Annemarie Inman, Russ Harding, Judi Cogswell

Others Present: Patricia Shogren – Selectmen's Administrator, Chris Tracy – Town Clerk, Doreen Moore, Russ Pouliot, Carol Baird, John Russo, Carsten Springer, Phil Emilio, Walter Baird, Judy Jervis, Sheila Johannesen

Chairman O'Neil 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 Session

Andy Ward asked the Board about the new trash service. He stated that Casella had come by and wanted to bring a truck down his road and he did not feel this was feasible, especially in the winter months. Patty stated that Casella had just received the list from the Selectmen's office of the residences that are currently picked up by hand and were driving to the locations to see if there were other alternatives. Patty stated she would contact Casella to ensure that the trash on Andy's road would continue to be picked up by hand.

Russ Pouliot, Building Inspector, met with the Board to discuss funding for an assistant to train as Building Inspector to replace him in the late spring, early summer. He asked the Board to create the position and fund \$1200 a year for it. The candidate is a prior inspector but would need to learn Danville zoning. The Board stated they would reopen the Building Inspector budget and do this and Patty was asked to put it on the action list.

Russ discussed with the Board how to fund the permits once the retail area of Ozzir Properties began building and the CCRC area. The permit fees are self-funding through the issuance of permits and it was discussed that maybe a revolving fund should be created for all building permits. Patty was asked to contact Karen of Melanson and Heath for some input.

II. Budget

**Planning Board:** Barry Hantman, Chair

**4191.10 Planning Board \$9993.00:** Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Harding, to approve the 4191.10 Planning Board budget for \$9993.00. Motion passed.

Barry suggested to the Board that something be done to acknowledge and say thank you to the volunteers in town. The Board stated they would give this serious thought and consideration.

**Town Clerk:** Chris Tracy

Barry and Chris presented the Voter Registration budget. Barry discussed with the Selectmen the need to add additional voting booths, especially during presidential elections, and noted the inexpensive ones he included in his budget. Selectmen Harding asked if moving forward we should purchase the more expensive booths, one or two a year, to add to our current booths as well as replacing those that are no longer serviceable. It was agreed that next budget season this should be discussed further. The 2.25% COLA was added to the salaries Chris presented and Patty brought up the Selectmen's investigation of area Moderator stipends and it was decided to postpone the finalization of this budget until the Selectmen had the opportunity to look into the Moderator

stipend. The Board approved the release of \$500.00 for purchasing 10 voting booths in 2011 that will be needed in January.

Barry asked about the posting of campaign signs and the Board felt that the State RSA covered this issue, stating that no campaign signs were allowed on Town property and the RSA also states that State ROW by properties needed the land owner permission so they felt the issue was covered. Barry was still concerned and Patty was asked to run this by Peter.

**4140.10 Town Clerk \$59,585:** Patty noted that IRS mileage reimbursement rate had increased to \$.51. Selectmen amended mileage line to \$768.58. Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to approve the 4140.1 Town Clerk budget for \$59,585.00. Motion passed.

**4441.10 General Assistance \$3,257:** Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Harding, to approve the 4441.10 General Assistance budget for \$3,257.00. Motion passed.

**4442.10 Direct Assistance \$42,100:** Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Harding, to approve the 4442.10 Direct Assistance budget for \$42,100.00. Motion passed.

**4445.20 Vendor Payments \$31,451:** Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Harding, to approve the 4445.20 Vendor Payments budget for \$31,451.00. Motion passed.

### III. Beaver dam follow up: BOS, Conservation, Forestry, Heritage

Selectman Cogswell stated that the Road Agent had cleared the lower dam area and the water level had already dropped. Curt Springer stated now Beaver Solutions can come in and do their maintenance and inspection of the pipes. Judy Jervis stated she sent Beaver Solutions a picture. The Beaver Solutions representative felt the northern pipes were not set correctly and they were not that way originally – the pipes were below and inside the dam – but now that the water is down, the pipes appeared to be working.

Vice-chair Giordano stated that we should be contracting an annual inspection and maintenance and need to put this into place. Carol Baird stated she was concerned when she heard discussion from the Boards about adding gravel, etc. to build the road up. Carol brought the Board up to date on the history of the road and stated it was a Class VI road and the Town needed to be careful since no maintenance could be done to a Class VI road without the Town setting a precedent that would require continued upkeep and maintenance. She shared with the board the 1999 conditional Terra agreement and reviewed the dates the first beaver box was installed by Fish and Game that disappeared in 2005, replaced in 2006 by Conservation and that the contract for maintenance and inspection was for only one year. The annual inspection and maintenance is only \$250.00. She stated this disagreement was unfortunate and asked that the Board assign one committee/commission to oversee this and fund it to avoid this conflict from arising again. Curt asked what the configuration of the pipes should be since the original plan was changed. Forestry authorized the installation of the Beaver Boxes in December of 2005. The Town, in their agreement with Terra Realty, is only required to provide them with a key to the gate and maintain the water level. Terra can put in culverts and maintain them; Carol shared a plan for this from Planning Board drawn by Terra. Phil Emilio stated the inverts are at the west end and Terra has an issue with the east side. Carsten Springer suggested we look at the other pipes with the Road Agent and Phil stated that #38 of the Terra agreement stated that flooding problems are Terra's concern.

Vice-chair Giordano stated that it should be engineered for water control with the 100-year flood plain. Curt stated that there was a plan to reduce level by one foot and the design was done to accommodate that plan. Curt stated Beaver Solutions suggested pond levelers at the second dam. Funding was discussed and Vice-chair Giordano stated that the Conservation Commission was established for the acquisition of land, land uses, and associated issues with water, management, maintenance, etc. Walter Baird stated that the commission was established to purchase land only. Chairman O'Neil disagreed with this and stated the original Warrant Article did not state the purchase of land only and another Warrant Article could absolve the fund, return the monies to the residents to offset taxes along with future Land Use Change Tax. Walter Baird stated that Conservation funds were not for dam pipes or milfoil treatments and Conservation was owed an apology; he stated the Board comments were insulting.

At 9:40 a five minute recess was taken.

The Selectmen decided to spearhead the beaver dam issue and address the funding in its budget to adequately fund the project. Vice-chair Giordano stated that since the BOS has taken over the issue that Conservation will now have no say in how the project is done. He stated he was disappointed Conservation did not take this task on since it is within the Conservation Commission's RSA that this type of project was under their purview. Carsten stated that it was important to maintain the water level; the heron area is being destroyed with the continued water and as one focuses on one species, it harms another. Curt stated that Forestry has wanted to take this on and will work with the Selectmen to accomplish this.

#### IV. Signature file

Selectmen reviewed the NHDOT final inspection of the Sandown Bridge and decided to have the Road Agent put up an E 2 sign at each end of the bridge for legal load limit. Patty was asked to contact Bruce and have this done.

#### V. Old Business – none

#### VI. New Business

Patty presented the Board with the equipment and cost for the PA system for the Association Hall to be funded from the Cable Access funds. The Board approved the purchase up to \$2100.00 and Patty stated she would inform Chief Parsons who has taken the project on. Chairman O'Neil stated the Town had five points of access to cable and Vice-chair Giordano stated that along with the Town Hall to hook this up at the Fire Station, Association Hall, and Library to allow broadcasting of all meetings. Patty stated she would contact Comcast.

Vice-chair Giordano stated that the Association Hall needed to thoroughly cleaned and pest control brought in. Patty stated she would bring that to the Board on Thursday.

Chairman O'Neil read the announcements.

At 10:00 PM Selectman Inman made the motion, seconded by Selectman Cogswell, to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Shogren  
Selectmen's Admin