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Town of Danville
Board of Selectmen
Minutes
January 2, 2012
7:00 PM

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

Others Present: Patricia Shogren – Selectmen's Administrator

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 - none

II. Warrant Articles - Selectmen reviewed the proposed Warrant Articles for the 2012 March Ballot:

Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to accept *Article 2012-6 Protection of Personnel Equipment Capital Reserve Fund - To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) to be added to the Protection of Personnel Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the future replacement of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) to protect firefighters.* Motion passed. Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to recommend *Article 2012-6 Protection of Personnel Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.* Motion passed 5-0.

Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Harding, to accept *Article 2012-7 Fire Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund - To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established.* Motion passed. Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to recommend *Article 2012-7 Fire Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund.* Motion passed 5-0. Vice-chair Giordano stated that with the decrease in requested funds, the Master Plan would need to be updated.

Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to recommend *Article 2012-8 Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund - To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to be placed in the Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund for future cemetery expansion.* Motion passed. Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to recommend *Article 2012-8 Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund.* Motion passed 5-0.

Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Harding, to recommend *Article 2012-9 Long Pond Road Culvert Capital Reserve Fund - To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Long Pond Road Culvert Capital Reserve Fund previously established.* Motion passed. Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to recommend *Article 2012-9 Long Pond Road Culvert Capital Reserve Fund.* Motion passed 5-0.

Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Harding, to recommend *Article 2012-10 Highway Sand/Salt Storage Building Capital Reserve Fund - To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be placed in a capital reserve fund for the future building of a new Highway Sand/Salt Storage Building to fulfill a future EPA requirement for stormwater management.* Motion passed. Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to recommend *Article 2012-10 Highway Sand/Salt Storage Building Capital Reserve Fund.* Motion passed 5-0.

Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Harding, to recommend *Article 2012-11 Colby Memorial Library Expend Interest - To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy One*

Dollars and Twelve Cents, (approximately) (\$71.12) to purchase books and authorize the use of that amount from the interest income earned from the library's TD Banknorth checking account. Motion passed 5-0.

Selectmen discussed Colby Memorial Library establish a *Capital Reserve Account for a New Library Leach Field*. Selectmen removed ... *and other Library Building Maintenance* stating it was not specific. It was decided that in the event of an emergency, a CRF may not be the best option for the Trustees and it was suggested that the Trustees look into other forms of funding that would make the money more available when/if needed.

The Selectman tabled Article 2012-12 Ordinance Regarding the Discharge of Firearms on Town Property until after the Public Hearing scheduled for Monday January 9, 2012.

Selectmen reviewed and reworded *Article 2012-13 Modify the Elderly Exemption*. Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to accept the *Article 2012-13 Modify the Elderly Exemption - "Shall we modify the elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Danville, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be the following: for a person 65 years of age up to 74 years, Sixty-five Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars (\$65,165); for a person 75 years of age up to 79 years, Ninety-Three Thousand Three Hundred Four Dollars (\$93,304); for a person 80 years of age or older, One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Nine (\$114,779). To qualify, New Hampshire must be the primary residence for at least five consecutive years, the person may own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than Thirty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$32,000) or, if married, a combined net income of less than Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000); and own net assets not in excess of Seventy Thousands Dollars (\$70,000) excluding the value of the person's residence."* This article shall take effect for the 2012 property tax year. (Majority vote required) as amended. Motion passed 5-0.

Chairman O'Neil stated he had Janet looking into mandatory recycling verbiage for a Warrant Article. Vice-chair Giordano stated that residents needed to realize the costs incurred when recyclables were tossed with trash. It was asked how the Town would address residents who do not recycle - per incident? It was decided to speak with Casella on the costs involved such as the sorting fee and to include the fine in the Warrant Article.

III. Minutes

Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Harding, to approve the December 28, 2011 Minutes as amended. Motion passed. Selectman Cogswell abstained.

IV. Old Business

Chairman O'Neil stated that the Food Pantry is a volunteer position spear-headed by Doreen Moore and not part of the Welfare Officer's duties so that time and cost was removed from the budget and it was suggested that Welfare be a monthly stipend to total \$2000 a year. Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Harding, to fund the 2012 Welfare Officer stipend at \$2000 a year, paid monthly. Motion passed.

V. New Business

Patty mentioned the furnace repair received. The Selectmen asked Patty to tell Leon to ensure the furnace was on an annual contract for inspection and cleaning and to get an hourly rate for emergency work.

Chairman O'Neil read the announcements.

AT 8:15 PM Selectman Harding made the motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Shogren
Selectmen's Administrator