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Town of Danville
Board of Selectmen
Minutes
January 9, 2012
7:00 PM

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

Others Present: Patricia Shogren – Selectmen's Administrator, Curt Springer, Betsy Sanders, Allan Sanders, Beth Caillouette, Bruce Caillouette, David Caillouette, Police Chief Wade Parsons, Phil Emilio, Joe Culligan, Allen Hess, Andy Ward, Bob Moore, Carsten Springer, Janice Pouliot, Chip Current, Pete Doucet, Earl Sweet, Arthur Dietrich, Chris Frey, Bob Nickerson, James Regan, Pat Gillespie, Jay Goodman, Kevin Davenport, Joe Musso, Jeff Sweet, Jeff Stone, Don Mathieu, Brian Gleason, and numerous others.

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.

Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to open the Public Hearing. Motion passed.

Article 2012-14 Discharge of Firearms Ordinance

To see if the town will vote to adopt the following ordinance:

Ordinance Regarding the Discharge of Firearms on Town Property

Authority

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to the authority granted by RSA 31:39 I (a), RSA 159:26 and RSA 207:59.

Prohibited Activities

No person shall discharge a firearm on property of the Town of Danville except:

- (a) Hunting as defined and allowed by Chapter 207
- (b) Law enforcement activities authorized by state law
- (c) Self-defense or the defense of others to the extent permitted by state law
- (d) Firing of blanks (gunpowder but no projectile)

This ordinance shall not be construed to prohibit the possession or carrying of firearms to the extent permitted by state law.

Enforcement

Violators will be subject to a fine of up to \$1,000 per occurrence, as provided by RSA 31:39 III, to be paid to the general fund of the town.

Chairman O'Neil read the Ordinance and it was asked why the Ordinance was being put forward. Curt Springer gave a history of the issue and Vice-chair Giordano added that the Conservation Easement agreement with Audubon discouraged the discharge of firearms and described the continual cutting of the gate pin on the power-line side of Tuckertown Road and the litter including monitors, TVs, and junk that was brought to the sand pit area, used for shooting, then the litter left strewn about for the Town to take care of. Vice-chair Giordano also mentioned the Audubon's concern with lead. Many items were brought up for discussion including the enforcement of the Ordinance, the insurance costs, the monitoring of the area, the theft of the cameras that had been installed, the need for a public shooting area, the possibility of a gun club, the authority given/not given by the cited RSA in the Ordinance, signage for unauthorized vehicles, littering fines, etc.

Chip Current highlighted four points: 1. Safety; 2. Education; 3. Cost for enforcement; 4. the ability to enforce. Chip also mentioned that lead does not leach.

Curt Springer stated that as the forest exists, there is conflicted usage and guns were not compatible with trails and passive recreation.

Many members of the audience stated they wanted to work toward a solution for all. They understood the problems and felt a better solution could be found other than the Firearm Ordinance. Vice-chair Giordano stated he would make a motion to table the Ordinance for one year if members of the audience were to step up and form an organized group to help solve the problem. Chip Current offered to spearhead the effort and sixteen audience members signed up.

Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed.

Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Chairman O'Neil, to table the Firearm Ordinance for one year to give the group a chance to discuss options. Motion passed. The Board of Selectmen asked the group to meet and determine a list of the real issues then meet with the BOS to discuss options and solutions. Patty was asked to put the group on the Agenda on January 23, 2012 for 7:15PM.

The Board took a five minute recess.

I. Delegate Session

Beth Caillouette presented the Board with the CEI contract for Stormwater Consultation. Chairman O'Neil stated he wanted to review the contract before signing. Patty was instructed to scan and distribute the contract to the Board and Beth stated she would get the New Hampshire referenced contract addendum.

II. Minutes

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

Chairman O'Neil asked Patty to include the entire Warrant Article verbiage in the January 2, 2012 Minutes. The Minutes were tabled until this task is completed.

III. Budget

Tim Howard, RMON Networks, was unable to make the meeting due to a scheduling conflict. Selectmen reviewed last year's budget and increased those numbers by the contract for services, Internet Service Provider costs, and included \$1000.00 for the Highway replacement computer. **Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Harding, to approve the 4150.60 Information Technologies budget for \$24,075.00. Motion passed.** Selectmen stated that when Tim's back up documentation was received for his budget request, the BOS could bring this information to the BudCom hearing, if warranted, to increase the budget.

IV. Warrant Articles

Janice Pouliot asked the Board if they were doing anything about a new Police Station in this year's Warrant Articles. Chairman O'Neil stated that the Board was currently looking at a lot of options and Selectmen brought up some ideas that had been discussed and Janice commented that a Station was continually talked about but nothing was done. Vice-chair Giordano agreed and stated that a feasibility study needed to be done and asked Patty to schedule Chief Parsons for the next BOS meeting.

Vice-chair Giordano explained to Janice Pouliot, Fire Ward, his suggestion of adjusting the Town's Master Plan to reflect the lowered amount requested for the CRF for Fire Vehicle. Janice explained that BudCom continually tries to cut the amount, nothing has been added to the fund over the recent years, and with the

monies coming to the Town from the CCRC, the Fire Wards lowered the money requested in the Warrant Article. She stated she would discuss Vice-chair Giordano's suggestions at the next Fire Ward meeting.

Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to modify the verbiage in the newly numbered Warrant *Article 2012- Modify the Elderly Exemption*. Motion passed.

"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 three 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 to each other for at least five consecutive 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).

Patty was asked to update the numbering in the Warrant Articles to reflect the removal of the Firearm Ordinance.

V. Old Business

Selectmen discussed the poll schedule and Selectmen attendance for Tuesday, January 10.

VI. New Business - none

Chairman O'Neil read the announcements.

At 8:13 PM Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Harding, to adjourn. Motion passed.

Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Harding, to reopen the meeting. Motion passed. Items in the signature file had not been addressed.

Selectmen signed the Vendor and Payroll Warrants. Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Harding, to authorize Chairman O'Neil to sign the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification for the Department of Justice and the Department of the Treasury. Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Inman to authorize the Trustee to establish two Asset Forfeiture accounts, State and Federal, and to deposit \$1.00 in each account. Motion passed. Patty asked if Trustee should be Treasurer. Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Harding, to amend Trustee to Treasurer. Motion passed.

Patty presented the Pallaria Contract for the yearly maintenance of the generator at the Community Center. Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Harding, to authorize Chairman O'Neil to sign the contract. Motion passed.

Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Harding, to approve the expenditure of \$200.00 from the Cable Access fund for Barry Hantman to purchase two replacement DVD players and DVDs/cases. Motion passed.

At 9:22 Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Harding, to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Shogren, Selectmen's Administrator