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Town of Danville
Board of Selectmen
Public Minutes
January 2, 2013
7:00 PM

Selectmen Present: Shawn O'Neil, Chris Giordano, Annemarie Inman, Michelle Cooper
Not in attendance: Unexcused absence – Russell Harding

Others present: Patricia Shogren – Selectmen's Administrator, Chief Steve Woitkun

I. Delegate - None

II. Warrant Articles

Chairman O'Neil read the draft Warrant *Article 2013-29 Bond – Ambulance Rescue Vehicle*. He asked Chief Woitkun if it had been discussed to defray some of the costs by using some of the funds from the vehicle Capital Reserve Fund toward the cost of the ambulance. The CRF states vehicle and does not appear to be definitive. Patty will confirm the original wording of the Article. Chief Woitkun stated he could not make that decision; it would need to be discussed by the Fire Wards.

Vice-chair Giordano made a motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to move forward Warrant *Article 2013-29 Bond – Ambulance Rescue Vehicle ... To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000) to purchase an Ambulance Rescue vehicle and to authorize the issuance of not more than One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000) of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 2013-16, the operating budget. (3/5 ballot vote required)*. Motion passed.

Vice-chair Giordano made a motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to support Warrant Article 2013-29. Motion passed 4-0.

Selectmen discussed Warrant Article 2013-28 Dissolve Elected Animal Control Officer Position. Vice-chair Giordano made a motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to move forward Warrant *Article 2013-28 Dissolve Elected Animal Control Officer Position ... To see if the Town will vote to rescind Citizen Petition Warrant Article 2012-18 that created the position of a yearly elected Animal Control officer and continue animal control services as currently administered through the Police Department per RSA 41:2*. Motion passed.

Vice-chair Giordano made a motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to support Warrant Article 2013-28. Motion passed 4-0.

Chairman O'Neil stated he had received queries as to an additional recycling pick up following the Christmas holiday. Following discussion, it was decided to note the Town Hall recycle dumpster in the Fall Newsletter informing residents of the availability of the dumpster after the holidays and not incur the per household cost of an additional pick up.

Selectman Cooper stated she wanted to put forth a warrant article to see if voters supported the purchase of a town-owned vehicle for the Road Agent. Selectman Inman clarified that an advisory article was warranted but Selectman Cooper stated that if the residents supported the purchase, the vehicle should be purchased in 2013. It was explained that this would not be an advisory article but a warrant article to purchase. Selectman Cooper will draft a warrant for the Board's review on Monday, January 7, at the next BOS meeting.

III. Budget

Patty informed the Board she had received hard numbers for the benefit costs and had adjusted the 4155 Personnel budget to reflect these numbers. Vice-chair Giordano made a motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to approve the amended 4155 Personnel budget as discussed and approve the total of 4155 Personnel budget for \$293,225. Motion passed.

Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to approve the December 26, 2012 Minutes as amended. Motion passed.

IV. Old Business

Chairman O'Neil read the announcements.

Chairman O'Neil discussed the leasing of a new networked printer/copier for the Town Hall and moving the existing copier to the Police Department. Following discussion of the money to be saved using the networked printer as opposed to individual printers for each office, Chairman O'Neil was authorized to move forward with our representative from Porter Office Machines.

V. Signature file

Chairman O'Neil read the following letter, dated January 2, 2013 received from the absent Selectman Harding:

"I feel that my presence on the board of selectmen, or an unqualified absence, is a continued distraction to the town. For that reason I will continue to sit out meetings for the foreseeable future.

I request that the board consider this as notice that I intend to continue my absence and to treat this as an unpaid leave of absence until February 28'Th [sic] 2013."

The Board stated that this letter tied their hands, preventing the Board from moving forward or allowing a ballot-voted replacement and the continued absence of Selectman Harding did the Board a disservice as Selectmen Harding ignored his obligation to the Town. It was decided that any continued absence was not excused and would continue to be considered an unexcused absence. Selectman Cooper abstained from the discussion due to a potential conflict of interest.

Selectman signed a request for a \$10.00 reimbursement from the Treasurer from the Public Safety account, a refund for tax overpayment, and Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to authorize Chairman O'Neil to sign the Melanson Heath agreement for the 2012 Audit. Motion passed.

It was decided to draft a letter to SEC regarding the release of the Caleb and Heron Drive road bond with a conditional acceptance of the road and notify them of the Town holding funds for two years as authorized per subdivision regulations Section VII.B. Patty was asked to have Janet forward the draft to Town Counsel for review.

VI. New Business - none

At 8:23 PM Vice-chair Giordano made a motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Shogren
Selectmen's Administrator