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Town of Danville  
Board of Selectmen  
December 28, 2015  
7:30 pm

Meeting televised

Selectmen Present: Chairman Shawn O'Neil, Vice-chair Chris Giordano, Kimberly Farah, Sheila Johannesen, Joshua Horns

Others present: Bruce and Beth Caillouette, Janet Denison

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

No one present.

II. Proposed 2016 Warrant Articles

Bruce explained the Long Pond Road Warrant Article that he usually proposes. He will put this out to bid in the spring. The NHDES is changing its regulations and may require a engineering review before construction, which will cost \$100k. Bruce estimates the actual work will cost about \$50k.

There was a long discussion about the proposal for a front end loader and mini excavator. Bruce estimates the cost for each piece of equipment is \$116,500 and \$71,500 respectively. The mini excavator can replace the backhoe. Selectman Horns said he would like to see the terms of a lease/purchase before proceeding. The discussion entailed using block grant funds to purchase the equipment. Bruce explained that he may be able to purchase used equipment at a reduced cost. The block grant funds can be carried over from one year to the next. Vice-chair Giordano said the interest rate can be steep for equipment loans and he would rather have this purchased outright. It was agreed that purchasing the equipment will be the best course of action fiscally. The Board would like to see estimates for a purchase and sale agreement and to know which piece of equipment Bruce would prefer if he only got one.

Vice-chair Giordano made and Selectman Horns seconded a **motion to move Article 2016-15, Highway Sand/Salt Storage Building Capital Reserve Fund to the town warrant.** The motion **passed** unanimously. Vice-chair Giordano made and Selectman Horns seconded a **motion to add the words, "recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 5-0."** The motion **passed** unanimously.

Vice-chair Giordano made and Selectman Farah seconded a **motion to move Article 2016-16, Long Pond Road Culvert Capital Reserve Fund to the town warrant.** The motion **passed** unanimously. Vice-chair Giordano made and Selectman Horns seconded a **motion to add the words, "recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 5-0."** The motion **passed** unanimously.

Regarding rescinding an ordinance, there was a discussion about whether or not the entire wording of the ordinance or the tally vote needs to be in the warrant article. It was agreed to leave the tally in the minutes and the entire ordinance will be in left in the warrant; it will be removed later if it is unnecessary. Vice-chair Giordano made and Selectman Johannesen seconded a **motion to move Article 2016-17, Rescind Town Ordinance #7 Business Reporting Requirements to the town warrant.** The motion **passed** unanimously.

Article 2016-19, Sale of Cemetery Lots was discussed briefly. The RSA referenced in this was read. It is unclear why this is being proposed. Selectman Farah said she will look into this.

Selectman Farah had drafted four proposed warrant articles. Numbers 1 and 2 dealt with making the elected positions of the town treasurer and police chief as appointed positions. Number 3 dealt with the lease/purchase of highway equipment, and number 4 dealt with alternative energy.

Vice-chair Giordano said he would agree with elected positions being made into appointed if it included all elected positions, not just the two suggested this evening. Selectman Farah said a town can be at a disadvantage if it is limited to electing residents only. There may not be competent or qualified residents within a municipality to fill a position. Chairman O'Neil said the timing of these suggested warrant articles is inappropriate.

Selectman Farah made and Selectman Johannesen seconded a **motion to move Article 2016-20, Appointed Town Treasurer to the town warrant**. Chairman O'Neil opposed. The motion **passed**.

Selectman Farah made and Selectman Johannesen seconded a **motion to move Article 2016-21, Appointed Police Chief to the town warrant**. Chairman O'Neil opposed. The motion **passed**.

The third suggested article was previously discussed with the road agent.

There was a short discussion regarding alternative energy. Vice-chair Giordano made and Selectman Farah seconded a **motion to rename Article 2016-18 to Alternative Energy Property Tax Exemption and to move this forward to town ballot**. Selectman Horns abstained. The motion **passed**.

There was a discussion of the purchase of a new pump truck for the Fire Department. The down payment is \$30k, the total purchase price is \$460k. The different terms were discussed. Selectman Farah suggested not putting this to warrant until we find out if financing will be available. Betsy Sanders will be asked to contact the state bond bank regarding financing this purchase.

### III. Signature File/Minutes

Selectman Johannesen made and Selectman Farah seconded a **motion to approve the December 21, 2015 minutes as written**. The motion **passed** unanimously.

### IV. Encumbering 2015 funds

Vice-chair Giordano made and Selectman Johannesen seconded a **motion to encumber in budget line 4220.10 fd-681 Rescue Equipment \$31,758.02 for LifePak 15 Heart Monitor**. It was agreed that the Board would like to see three quotes and recommendations for this item to comply with the bid policy. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Vice-chair Giordano made and Selectman Horns seconded a **motion to encumber in budget line 4194.10 gb-430 Maintenance \$4,420.00 for interior painting of the fire department**. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Vice-chair Giordano made and Selectman Horns seconded a **motion to encumber in budget line 4210.10 pg-740 PD Equipment \$14,489.14 for matching grant funds for radio equipment**. The motion **passed** unanimously.

It was discovered that the interior painting is not the fire department but the town hall. Selectman Farah made and Selectman Johannesen seconded a **motion to rescind the previous vote to encumber \$4,420.00 for painting**. The motion **passed** unanimously.

There was a discussion about estimates previously obtained from Jon Thompson for different projects in town. Vice-chair Giordano made and Selectman Johannesen seconded a **motion to encumber in budget line 4194.10 gb-430 Maintenance \$11,070.00 to make repairs to the Little Red Schoolhouse, replacing the exterior door at the safety complex, and painting the town hall**. Painting the town hall interior was discussed briefly. It entails repairs and filling. The motion **passed** unanimously.

The Board discussed the bid policy. Selectman Farah made and Selectman Horns seconded a **motion to rescind the previous vote to encumber \$11,070.00**. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Selectman Farah made and Selectman Johannesen seconded a **motion to encumber in budget line 4194.10 \$1,250.00 for repairs to the Little Red Schoolhouse.** The motion **passed** unanimously.

Selectman Farah made and Vice-chair Giordano seconded a **motion to encumber in budget line 4194.10 \$2,500.00 for insulation repairs and upgrades in the basement of the Town Hall.** The motion **passed** unanimously.

Vice-chair Giordano made and Selectman Johannesen seconded a **motion to encumber in budget line 4194.10 \$3,000.00 for replacing the door at the safety complex.** The motion **passed** unanimously.

Selectman Johannesen made and Vice-chair Giordano seconded a **motion to add \$7,245.00 to the income statement for the income from the EMS grant.** The motion **passed** unanimously.

V. Old/New Business - updates

Selectmen Johannesen mentioned adding lines to the ACO budget. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

At 9:40pm Vice-Chair Giordano made and Selectman Farah seconded a **motion to adjourn.** The motion **passed** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Denison  
Land Use/Assessing