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Town of Danville  
Board of Selectmen  
December 27, 2016  
7:00pm

Video-Recorded

Selectmen Present: Chairman Shawn O'Neil, Vice-Chair Chris Giordano, Kimberly Farah, Judi Cogswell, Sheila Johannesen

Others present: Michael DeSilva

Chairman O'Neil opened the meeting with a moment of silence for the troops who put themselves in harms way. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**I. Delegate Session**

Michael DeSilva received his broker's license in Massachusetts and would like to be able to do the paperwork in his home. Vice-Chair Giordano asked Mr. DeSilva questions pertaining to his home business to meet the town's zoning regulations.

Vice-Chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Cogswell, to grant the home occupation;  
**motion passed.**

**II. Budgets**

**a. 4153.1 Legal**

Selectman reviewed past and future legal happenings to accurately budget for legal. Selectman Farah suggested that the budget may need to be increased.

Vice-Chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Cogswell, to approve the proposed 2017 budget for 4153.1 Legal for \$65,900; **motion passed.**

**III. Minutes**

Vice-Chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Johannesen, to approve the December 19, 2016 public minutes as amended; **motion passed.**

Tabled the 12/12/16 non-public minutes because Selectman Farah had things she would like to add.

Vice-Chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Johannesen, to approve the December 19, 2016 non-public minutes as amended; **motion passed.**

**IV. Signature File**

Vice-Chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Cogswell, to authorize the Chair to sign for DrummondWoodson legal services; motion passed. Selectmen signed the 2016-25 warrants.

Chairman O'Neil sent out the comments from Mr. Peter Loughlin in regards to the Casella contract. The contract item of donating their services for Old Home Days was brought up again. Selectman Farah asked if the Recreation budget would be decreased by \$3,000 if they are getting a contribution of \$3,000. Chairman O'Neil could not answer this question.

**V. Old/New Business**

**a. Encumbrances**

Bruce Caillouette would like to encumber \$15,000 from account 4312.20 Highway 431 for the North Road culvert.

Vice-Chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Cogswell, to encumber \$15,000 from 4312.20 line 431 for the North Road Culvert project with Kingston; **motion passed.**

The electrician is waiting for the carpenter to finish at the Community Center and then he will go in and finish his work. Patty would like to encumber \$1,800 from account 4949.20 to pay the electrician.

Vice-Chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Cogswell, to encumber \$1800 from 4194.20 maintenance; **motion passed.**

b. COLA-default budget

Chairman O'Neil asked for the consensus of the Board to include the 1.1% COLA increase in the default budget.

Vice-Chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Cogswell, to carry over the 1.1% COLA increase into the default budget; **motion passed.** Chairman O'Neil in the yag.

c. Warrant Article Update

Patty provided the Board with an updated copy with the verbiage of the Warrant Articles that was approved by DRA.

Warrant Article 2017-13 had some verbiage changes. Vice-Chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Cogswell, to approve Warrant Article 2017-13 for the purchase of a rescue pumper vehicle as presented with the recommendation by the Board of Selectman; **motion passed.** Chairman O'Neil in the yag.

Consensus of the Board agreed to the typo change for Warrant Article 2017-16.

Vice-Chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Cogswell, to approve Warrant Article 2017-27 with the verbiage presented by DRA; **motion passed.**

Ms. Johannesen read a letter she wrote addressing the Board of Selectman as the ACO, in regards to her Animal Control budget. (attached)

Selectman Farah brought forward the December 14<sup>th</sup> Eagle Tribune Article. Selectman Farah wanted it to be publicly stated that Chairman O'Neil was speaking for himself and not for the Board. Chairman O'Neil agreed that he was speaking for himself.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan O'Neil  
Board of Selectman-Recorder

**Motion to enter Nonpublic Session** made by Giordano seconded by Cogswell

**Specific Statutory Reason** cited as foundation for the nonpublic session:

\_\_\_\_ RSA 91-A:3, II(c) *Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, **other than a member of this board**, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.*

<b>Roll Call vote</b> to enter nonpublic session:	Shawn O'Neil	Y
	Chris Giordano	Y
	Kimberly Farah	Y
	Sheila Johannesen	Y
	Judi Cogswell	Y

**Entered nonpublic session at 7:55 p.m.**

**Motion to return to Public Session** made by O'Neil seconded by Giordano

<b>Roll Call Vote</b> to return to public session:	Shawn O'Neil	Y
	Chris Giordano	Y
	Kimberly Farah	Y
	Sheila Johannesen	Y
	Judi Cosgwell	Y

**Motion: PASSED**

Kim made the motion, seconded by Chris, to approve the December 12, 2016 non-public minutes as amended; motion passed.

**Motion made to seal these minutes?** If so, motion made by Giordano, seconded by Johannesen because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would...

\_x\_ Affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board

<b>Roll Call Vote to seal minutes:</b>	Shawn O'Neil	Y
	Chris Giordano	Y
	Kimberly Farah	Y
	Sheila Johannesen	Y
	Judi Cogswell	Y

**Motion: PASSED**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm**

**These minutes recorded by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Patricia Shogren, Town Admin.

December 27, 2016

To Board of Selectmen

I have reviewed the documents sent to the BOS by an anonymous member of the BOS and/or Danville Police Department attempting to critique my performance as ACO in 2016. The documents read like a witch hunt and clearly miss the big picture of what I have done for the Town of Danville over the last year. The documents appear to take issue with approximately 30 calls that I worked on, out of a total of more than 350 calls that I responded to this year. I would love to research and respond to each of the 30 singled-out calls, but I am hamstrung from doing so for many of them because I am not allowed access to the Danville PD records to, for instance, verify whether the calls were covered and/or assisted by police officers.

While the author(s) of this report have worked very hard, undoubtedly on Town time, to create this hit piece concerning 30 or so calls, they failed to find issue with the other 320+ calls I worked on in 2016. The nit-picking nature of this project makes it clear that if there was something to complain about in the other 320 calls I responded to, they would have included it. Apparently those other 320 responses by this ACO to calls received were above reproach. For the meager amount of money budgeted for this office, it is that excellent performance record which should be center stage, not the efforts of a few usual suspects who have a grudge with me and continually bend over backwards to take issue with every little thing I do.

Given the amount of time and effort that was clearly spent on this ineffective and misguided effort to discredit me, the BOS should consider investigating whether this was done by a Town employee (or employees), and whether it was done on Town time. I would not be surprised to discover that whoever did this charged the Town as much for this nonsense as the entire ACO budget for the year. *That* is an issue which the citizens of this Town might actually have cause to complain about!

Sheila Johannesen  
Elected ACO

cc Budget Committee