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Town of Danville
Board of Selectmen
February 13, 2017
7:00pm

Video-Recorded from the Danville Community Center

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

Others present: Patricia Shogren, Town Admin, numerous audience members

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. Signature File/Minutes

Giordano made the motion, seconded by Johannesen, to appoint Stacy Lang to the Recreation Committee; motion passed. Selectmen signed Warrant 2017- 4 Payroll and Vendor, Warrant 2017-4 Library payroll, and two tax abatements. Giordano made the motion, seconded by Cogswell, to authorize the Chair to sign the JD Power contract for the facility generator; motion passed and the Chair signed the maintenance contract.

a. Minutes

Giordano made the motion, seconded by Johannesen, to approve the January 30, 2017 minutes as amended; motion passed.

Giordano made the motion, seconded by Cogswell, to approve the February 6, 2017 minutes as written; motion passed.

Farah made the motion, seconded by Johannesen, to approve the February 6, 2017 non-public minutes as written; motion passed.

II. Impaired Water notice

Selectman Farah explained an email received from DES regarding impaired water which noted Cub Pond and Bartlett Brook. She explained that the email was asking for input from the town for information but the impaired waters mentioned in the email were not within the Town's boundaries.

Conservation Chair Carsten Springer explained to the viewing audience the report and he noted that the reports were coming back with high nitrogen content but that this was not correct.

III. Social Media

Selectman Farah stated that the Selectmen had adopted and approved a Social Media Policy for employees and she noted that elected town officials are not bound by this policy nor can they be bound since they are elected. Selectman Farah stated she received a letter from Pamela LaPrell and asked to read the letter. Johannesen made the motion, seconded by Farah, to read the letter for the viewing audience; motion failed 3-2, both Farah and Johannesen voting yes, Giordano, Cogswell and O'Neil voting no.

Selectman Farah spoke to the issue of responses and comments posted on Facebook noting that people were unable to determine if a selectperson was posting as a resident or as a select-board member. She stated that many of the comments were inappropriate and asked that disparaging remarks toward another FB poster not become personal but that comments stay on topic to answer a question, give an opinion on a topic, and not be personal attacks.

Roger Whitehouse commented that Chairman O'Neil's posts and responses had become mean over the last two years and a shouting match ensued. The discussion was halted and all were asked to refrain from personal attacks on one another using social media.

Chairman O'Neil announced this year's Town Report had been dedicated to Earl Sweet and Wally Fries. Chairman O'Neil read the dedication written for Earl Sweet and Barry Hantman read the dedication written for Wally Fries.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01pm and the podium was passed to Town Moderator, Barry Hantman, to host Candidate's Night.

These minutes recorded by: _____
Patricia Shogren, Town Admin.