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Town of Danville
Board of Selectmen
Minutes
March 17, 2014
7:00pm

Selectmen Present: Shawn O'Neil, Chris Giordano, Annemarie Inman, Michelle Cooper, Kimberly Farah

Others Present: Patricia Shogren-Selectmen's Administrator, Bruce Caillouette, Beth Caillouette, Carsten Springer, Frances Skinner

Chairman O'Neil asked attendees to take a moment of silence for our troops who put themselves in harm's way then all stood for the pledge of allegiance.

I. Delegate

Bruce Caillouette, Road Agent, discussed the roads that would possibly be utilized by PSNH with the corridor widening project and stated that time was running out to use these roads with the spring thaw expected soon. He stated that Kingston Road is the only access he would suggest since it is slated for paving this summer. Chairman O'Neil stated that he wanted Bruce to meet with the Town Engineer, Dennis Quintal, to discuss the roads to be used, document the roads in pictures now, and to determine a cost for the road bond for PSNH. It was determined that the Town has not received a schedule of roads to be used from PSNH. Carsten Springer, Conservation Chair, stated that the DES Project permit is for work during the frozen period and that is over, ending March 15th.

As an aside, Bruce stated he planned to contact the school bus company and he asked Patty to contact Casella and ask that those vehicles stay on the hot top and avoid the dirt/mud areas on the side of the road.

II. Signature file

Selectmen signed Warrants 2014-6 and 2014-6B for payroll and vendor payments. Selectman signed the 2014 contract with Trinity Ambulance Company.

Selectmen discussed renewing the Town's membership with Rockingham Planning Commission. Vice-chair Giordano stated that we now had two participating members for meeting attendance and felt we should continue our partnership with RPC. He stated that when you weighed their services against comparable private services, the membership was worth the cost. It was agreed to continue the partnership with RPC and Patty was instructed to include the membership dues in the next warrant.

Selectmen signed the request for bags for Earth Day for Beth Caillouette and the Town Clerk's Election forms for those that had sworn in to accept their newly elected positions.

Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to approve the March 10, 2014 minutes as amended; motion passed. Selectman Farah abstained.

III. Board Election of officers

Shawn O'Neil asked the Board for nominations for Chairman and Vice-chairman. Chris Giordano nominated Shawn O'Neil for chairman and Annemarie Inman seconded the nomination. The motion passed; Chairman O'Neil abstained. Shawn O'Neil nominated Chris Giordano for vice-chairman and Annemarie Inman seconded the nomination. The motion passed; Vice-chair Giordano abstained.

Frances Skinner questioned the member-size of the Board of Selectmen. It was explained that some New Hampshire boards had three members although the majority of towns have five board members and one or two towns has seven board members. An odd number was always needed to determine a quorum and to avoid tied votes.

Board committee/commission participation was decided:

Budget Committee – O’Neil

Planning Board – Giordano

Heritage – Inman

Zoning Board of Adjustments (ZBA) – Cooper

Conservation – Kimberly Farah (non-voting liaison)

IV. Old/New Business

Selectmen discussed the storage of election equipment in one place. Vice-chair Giordano stated that the boy scouts are looking for a project and the building of a storage area at the CC was a possibility as well as a project at the CC for enhancing curb appeal such as a retaining wall. Patty was asked to contact Bruce and ask him to speak with DOT about the frontage at the CC and see what is needed to get the go-ahead for working with the area by 111A.

Selectmen discussed having an internet / WiFi connection at the Community Center. Selectman Farah made the motion, seconded by Vice-chair Giordano, to install internet/WiFi at the CC; motion passed.

The Board took a moment to thank Josh Horns for his service to the Town as Selectman and welcomed Kimberly Farah to the Board. Vice-chair Giordano also thanked the residents for coming out and voting in this past election. The turnout was excellent. He also mentioned that the number of Planning Board articles, written out in their entirety, made for a confusing ballot and stated that he found out that it was not necessary to have the Warrant Article printed out in its entirety on the ballot, just a synopsis, as long as the full text is available for peruse at the place of voting. The Board also mentioned that Planning Board update to the Fire Suppression Ordinance passed as well as the citizen’s petition regarding sprinkler systems and this caused a conundrum since they contradicted one another. This issue is currently with Town Counsel for an opinion.

Selectman Inman referenced an editorial from the Carriage Towne News written by Stephanie Dube about the Deliberative Session and Board of Selectmen. Selectman Inman apologized for the perception of the Board appearing insensitive to attendees’ concerns but clarified that the Board had to work within the structure of the State’s RSAs (Revised Statutes Annotated, [formally called Public Statutes and Public Laws] and in many instances, the people’s choices conflicted with the statutes and the Board’s hands are tied by what can and cannot be done per RSA. She stated she would not sacrifice her integrity by doing anything that went against the State laws. Selectman Inman also addressed Ms. Dube’s concern about having a DRAFT Warrant Article available to the public prior to Deliberative Session. This can be done. The Board also addressed Ms. Dube’s suggestion of using nhstream.com. This had previously been brought up with Barry Hantman, Cable Supervisor, and there is not enough bandwidth in our current system to support this program.

At 9:00PM Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to adjourn; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Shogren

Selectmen’s Administrator