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Town of Danville  
Board of Selectmen  
March 12, 2018  
6:30pm

**Motion to enter Nonpublic Session** made by Sheila seconded by Judy

**Specific Statutory Reason** cited as foundation for the nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3, II (e):

<b>Roll Call vote</b> to enter nonpublic session:	Shawn O'Neil	Y
	Judi Cogswell	Y
	Sheila Johannesen	Y
	Scott Borucki	Y
	David Knight	Y

**Motion to return to Public Session and seal the minutes** made by Knight, seconded by Johannesen, because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would most likely affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board

**Roll Call Vote** to return to public session at 7:10pm:

Shawn O'Neil	Y
Judi Cogswell	Y
Sheila Johannesen	Y
Scott Borucki	Y
David Knight	Y

**Motion: PASSED**

7:13PM

Video-Recorded

Selectmen Present: Chairman Shawn O'Neil, Vice-chair Judi Cogswell, Scott Borucki, Sheila Johannesen, David Knight, Janet Denison-Assessing/Land Use Admin

Others present: Stacie O'Connor, Andrew Sheely, Neil Scibelli, Brian Groshon, Carsten Springer

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. Danville Youth League-Goldthwaite Field

The Board discussed with Andrew Sheely and Neil Scibelli the proposed renovations to the baseball diamond at Goldthwaite park. The Danville league has decided to join a new league with different requirements and the field will need to be modified to meet the new standards. They are proposing to raise funds for the project. The material will cost around \$4k although they will try to raise \$6k through banner and corporation sponsorship. A father of one of the players has volunteered to donate manpower and equipment. The retro fit will result in a longer baseline, new base pads, and longer pitcher's mound.

They were asked to get comments from the road agent who usually takes care of the field. It was suggested that the new mound and baseline will preclude softball, but it was explained that softball pitchers can play ahead of the mound and that accommodations will be made for bases to be placed at different distances. The bases will be removable and can be capped to avoid trip hazards. Mr. Scibelli was asked to get confirmation from someone in the softball league that this is adequate. He was told an email would suffice. Stacie O'Connor said that the recreation department is in favor of this proposal.

The work will be done mid-April and they are very confident they can raise the funds.

## II. Other business

Dave said he has reviewed the entire town report and congratulated the town hall staff for their work on it.

Dave made and Sheila seconded a **motion to allow the chairman to sign the form to order blue bags for Earth Day**. The motion **passed** unanimously.

## III. Casella/Bulk Pick-up

It was explained that the current bulk pick-up system appears to be abused by residents and non-residents.

Brian Groshon, Casella Assistant General Manager, explained this is a premiere service. He said there are many stops in town that leave a substantial amount of material that could fill one truck. For Danville's bulk days, they have to bring in extra trucks to ensure the entire town is picked up in a reasonable amount of time.

The idea of a pick-up truck size load was discussed. Mr. Groshon said it is not beneficial to the town or the resident to have Casella determine what size that is; it is an arbitrary description. If Casella doesn't pick up everything, the town will have to deal with complaints.

Some towns have a service in which trucks are available on a certain day for residents to unload their bulk items. Several trucks are used to allow one truck to be parked at the location while the other is out to unload the items. It was mentioned that we lack the facility to do this easily if there are long lines of resident vehicles.

The idea of a tag system was discussed. This would be a hybrid of the current system, allowing bulk days to be as decided by the town: monthly, quarterly, etc. The town would determine the cost of the tags. Mr. Groshon said that Casella's cost would remain the same as the contract: currently \$127.21 for disposal and \$80 per ton.

It was agreed that the cost and abuse of the system needs to be controlled. Laconia's system was discussed briefly. Mr. Groshon said he's more familiar with Hampstead which has a set charge for different bulky items. He said their transfer station is open once per month and their costs are substantially lower than Danville's, and that Hampstead's bulk tonnage is nowhere near what Danville's is.

Scott said he is especially in favor of limiting the abuse from nonresidents. He suggested having a set number of stickers that can be given to residents free of charge and anything beyond that amount would have a fee per sticker. This would allow monitoring of who is repeatedly discarding large quantities. Mr. Groshon said Casella has its own marketing department and can help design a tag.

Shawn said we need to be conscientious of the extra work load put on the staff. Janet explained that she is in favor of a system that would curtail the abuse and reduce the cost to the taxpayers.

Mr. Groshon briefly explained different options. One would be to keep the current system without change. A second would be to have two trucks in different locations in town on specific days during the year. A third option would be a tag system as discussed earlier. A fourth option is a roll-off container at one location, exchanged when full. The haul rate would be the same as currently set: \$188 per haul and \$80 per ton. The fifth option would be to do away with curbside bulk and to have the residents use the Raymond transfer station, which is operated by Casella. Rates for Danville residents could be discussed for this option.

Mr. Groshon explained systems they have in place for Newmarket and Newfields which allows curbside pick-up for the elderly only.

It was mentioned that not everyone in town has a pick-up truck to haul items to different locations, but that this is true for all municipalities. Scott said he liked the idea of a tag system.

Mr. Groshon was asked about the possibility of a resident having their own items tagged and at the curb, then having someone put items in front of their house overnight. He said Casella has not experienced that. He was asked about other towns who have transitioned from our current system to a monitored system. He said that no other towns have a carte blanche system like Danville.

Scott said we need to decide how many tags could be given to each resident. Dave suggested doing away with the system entirely and putting it on town warrant next year with the true cost. Mr. Groshon said it is a matter of what service the town wants to provide. He said the tag system works well and it controls the output; how to enforce it is up to the town.

It was mentioned that some may not have the means to take anything to Raymond. Scott offered his opinion that if someone has the means to remodel, they have the means to dispose of the old items. Dave said many items he's seen left for bulk would have fit in the regular toter, such as bagged items. It was mentioned that hauling items to Raymond or another location could be done by the youth in the town, Scout programs, the Timberlane honor society students, or by an entrepreneurial individual or group.

Mr. Groshon said that Casella would be happy to discontinue Danville's current bulk service. It is costly to them to remove up to 130 tons of material in one day, including the need to bring in trucks from Belmont. He said that bulk items need to be in a condition that they can be lifted into the trucks. He said the rates will stay the same as outlined in the contract and they are ready to provide any service the town is willing to implement. The contract will not need to be modified.

The Board discussed the idea of a roll-off container and that it may not be the best option. Mr. Groshon said one truck could be designated as e-waste (electronics) only.

There was a short discussion of the downward trend for recycling. Mr. Groshon said they are looking into selling fiber to other Asian countries, but it is becoming harder to find markets for it. He said the only recycling material that has any value at this time is tin, aluminum, and cardboard.

The date for bulk pick-up will be set at next Monday's meeting. Mr. Groshon said Casella is willing to tailor this to whatever is decided and that the current system requires a Herculean effort on their part at a high cost to the taxpayers.

#### IV. Signature file

Two veteran credits and one elderly exemption were approved and signed. A gravel tax warrant was signed.

Selectmen signed the 2018-5 payroll and vendor warrants, and the 2018-5 Library payroll warrant.

The 2018 Selectmen by-laws were signed.

Dave made and Judi seconded a **motion to accept the February 26, 2018 minutes as written**. The motion **passed** unanimously.

At 8:20pm Sheila made and Dave seconded a **motion to adjourn**. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Denison  
Land Use/Assessing Administrator