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Town of Danville
Board of Selectmen
March 26, 2018
7:00pm

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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, Nathan Auclair, Neil Scibelli, Dennis Griffiths, John Hughes, Bruce Caillouette, Beth Caillouette, Steve Pascoe, Kim Farah

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. Organization

Shawn explained he's been chair for ten years, has been impressed with Scott Borucki's quick grasp of the Selectmen's responsibilities and **moved to appoint Scott as Chairman**. Dave seconded the motion. Sheila nominated Dave, who respectfully declined. Scott said he'd accept the appointment with the understanding that another chairman can be appointed at any time at the behest of the other Board members. Scott abstained; the motion **passed**.

Judi moved and Dave seconded a **motion to appoint Shawn as vice-chair**. Shawn abstained; the motion **passed**.

Judi moved and Shawn seconded a **motion to appoint Dave as the Budget Committee representative**. Dave abstained; the motion **passed**.

Dave moved and Judi seconded a **motion to appoint Sheila as the Heritage Committee representative**. Sheila abstained; the motion **passed**.

Shawn moved and Dave seconded a **motion to appoint Scott as the Planning Board representative**. Scott abstained; the motion **passed**.

Judi said she will stay with Conservation Commission.

II. Delegate

Kim Farah explained that Stephanie Dube recently resigned from the School Board, leaving a vacancy at a critical time of year. The recent vote was in favor of the default budget rather than what was proposed as the operating budget which was almost a million dollars more. The school board will convene on April 5th to discuss the budget and Kim said it would behoove the town to have full representation. It was agreed that Stephanie was a great asset to the community and will be missed. The Board agreed to hold a special meeting next Monday, April 2nd, in order to select a replacement. The term will be until the 2019 elections. The advertisement will be on the reader boards and the town website.

Kim explained the school board is very split and one vote makes a big difference. She said that anyone wishing to contact her for more information about the position may do so via email: kfarahsb@gmail.com. She said she will try to visit the BOS meetings every few months to update the Board.

Bruce Caillouette, road agent, reviewed three options for a back hoe. He briefly explained the different features, warranties, and prices and said he is most in favor of the Caterpillar. Shawn made and Sheila seconded a motion to authorize Bruce to move forward with the purchase of the Caterpillar. Dave suggested and Shawn agreed to amend this to a **motion to authorize Bruce to use up to \$47,500 for the purchase of a back hoe**. The motion **passed** unanimously. Bruce said he will be at the next meeting with a contract for signatures.

III. Danville Youth League-Goldthwaite Field

Nathan Auclair-president of the Danville Youth League, Neil Scibelli-president of the Major 70s League, and Dennis Griffiths, president of the Softball League introduced themselves.

Neil said that the Major 70s league started this year. It was explained to everyone present that the town owns the snack shack. Due to vandalism inside the town needs to know who has access and children cannot be allowed to rummage inside. Nathan said they put on a new roof, Scott said the town is not opposed to upgrades but there must be better communication and the sports leagues need to work with the town. Stacie explained that the Girl Scouts will be back in the spring to finish their painting and landscape projects around the shack. The Selectmen are the ones to speak with regarding maintenance of the parks.

It was explained that the town must have a copy of their schedules for practice and games. This will allow the town to schedule mosquito spraying appropriately.

There was a short discussion of parking during events. When a paying vendor has been scheduled to use the Community Center, anyone there for practice or games must park at the lower lot. Dave said that it is up to the coaches and parents to make sure this is being done by Danville residents and others. Scott said signs can be set up to direct traffic appropriately.

Those present discussed using Goldthwaite field for softball and baseball. Nathan said the Pastor of the Baptist Church has said their field is still available for softball. He also explained the safety reasons softball and baseball should not share the same field for games, but the two sports can use the same field for practice. Neil said the proposed modifications don't take away the use for softball practice; the modifications enhance the ability for the older boys to use it.

The parking at Goldthwaite was discussed. There is a concern for overcrowding of vehicles that would prevent an ambulance from reaching the field. Bruce said he may be able to do something with the roadway to allow more vehicles to park there.

Stacie O'Connor said the field at Colby Pond is big enough for two softball fields but is too wet. Bruce said the drainage issue could be taken care of and a fence would need to be erected to prevent recreational vehicles from tearing up the field.

Nathan said they have a lot of resources and are working on sponsorships to raise funds for back stops, etc. Beth Caillouette said a new playground will be in place at Goldthwaite by mid summer. Dave made and Shawn seconded a **motion to allow the proposed changes to be made to Goldthwaite field so all the groups can play ball**. The motion **passed** unanimously.

IV. 50 Colby Road

Steve Pascoe said he received a letter from the town questioning the number of living units in his property at 50 Colby Road. Steve agreed to have someone inspect the property. After a short discussion, Shawn made and Judi seconded a **motion to conduct a walk-through with Fred Smith**. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Steve asked about how to establish a real estate office at his property. He was told this would start with the Planning Board.

I. Casella/Bulk Pick-up

The operating budget passed and the warrant article to fund a second bulk pick-up passed. Scott proposed an idea similar to the tag system in which the resident fills out a form, processed at the town hall office, which puts their name on a list. Casella would be instructed to pick up only from the addresses listed. The form would also be an opportunity to inform the residents of the new parameters and limitations.

Scott said he thought the guideline was good that a pick-up truck size load is an acceptable limit. He said that if someone has more than this amount, it should not be the town's responsibility to dispose of, and the resident should be renting a dumpster. The board discussed the actual footprint measurements and how to inform the residents of the guidelines. Scott made and Dave seconded a **motion to restrict bulk items per resident to an 8'x10' area**.

The motion **passed** unanimously. A mailer will be made to inform the residents and the date for pick-up will be April 28, or the next available for Casella.

Dave pointed out that there's no mandate stating the town must have two bulk pick-up days per calendar year. He said if the budget is used up, then there won't be another bulk day. Scott reiterated that the idea of a size limit is to help curtail the abuse rather than eliminate the service.

II. Other business

Committee appointments will be taken care of at a future meeting. Dave said he knew of someone who had expressed interest in the Family Mediation position.

Dave said that on April 7th there will be a land conservation conference in Alton. The Heritage Commission highly recommends attending. There is also a planning and zoning conference on April 28th in Concord.

Shawn was thanked for his years of service as chairman. Judi was thanked for her time as vice-chair.

III. Signature file

Dave made and Sheila seconded a **motion to accept the March 12, 2018 minutes as amended**. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Shawn made and Judi seconded a **motion to accept the March 12, 2018 non-public minutes as amended**. The motion **passed** unanimously.

One veteran credit and three elderly exemptions were approved and signed. Four abatement requests were signed.

Selectmen signed the 2018-6 payroll and vendor warrants, and the 2018-6 Library payroll warrant.

Sheila made and Dave seconded a **motion to adjourn**. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Denison
Land Use/Assessing Administrator