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Town of Danville
Board of Selectmen
February 25, 2019
7:00 PM

7:07 PM

Meeting is Video-Recorded - Jacob

Selectmen Present: Sheila Johannesen, David Knight, Judi Cogswell
Vice Chair Shawn O'Neil was late due to a family emergency and arrives at 7:12PM
Absent: Scott Borucki, excused

Others Present: Patricia Shogren, Town Administrator; Janet Denison, Assessing/Land Use

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Dave calls the meeting to order and opens 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. Delegates

There were no members of the public wishing to speak. Dave closes the Delegate session.

II. Old/New Business

Library Legal Costs revisited: Dave quickly reviewed the discussion and votes taken at the Feb. 11 meeting regarding the legal costs incurred by the Library Board of Trustees. When notified of the decision, the Trustees stated they had called Town Hall and been given permission to contact Town Counsel. Janet states that she took that call and that it was a request for the name and phone number of Town Counsel, which she provided. Janet notes this is information that would be given to anyone who asked. Dave expresses his belief this does not change the issue that the Library Trustees, as a separate entity from the town, should have their own expense line for legal fees. He asks if the other BOS members agree. Sheila states that she agrees, but because it is only \$300.00, she motioned the Town should pay for the consult this time with the understanding that it would not happen again. There is further discussion, but no second for the motion. The motion dies and the previous vote stands.

Perambulation: Janet notes that an old RSA from the 1700's requires Town officials to walk the four corners of their town boundaries to confirm the location of boundary markers every seven (7) years. It requires the older towns to "invite" the younger towns. The next scheduled perambulation will take place in 2020. Hampstead, Sandown, and Kingston need to invite Danville for this process; Danville needs to invite Fremont. Janet notes the last time she contacted one of the towns for this process she was told, "no one wanted to walk the boundaries. GPS coordinates had been recorded, and rocks don't move".

Shawn, arriving in the middle of this discussion, notes that while outdated, the RSA is still on the books and the perambulation is still required. Dave notes that the surrounding towns had hired engineers for previous perambulations. Patty noted that Kingston recorded their coordinates in the last perambulation. Shawn noted that in a previous walk with Sandown they had agreed to split the cost of getting detailed markers certified.

Janet believes all the towns have the coordinates. Kingston actually produced a detailed record that even noted the size of the rocks marking the boundary. Shawn states that would be the proper way to do it, but until all bordering towns have done this, the perambulations are still necessary. Patty asked if the town should request the records from the other town. Dave and Patty both noted the "invitation" process is out of their control with the exception of Fremont, which Danville is required to "invite".

Discussion ends with no resolution, motions or votes.

Dave questions Janet regarding gravel removal from Ward Way. Janet explains they are removing gravel under a 2007 permit. Dave notes they cannot remove more than 100,000 sq.ft. (2 acres) and cannot cross boundaries.

Janet clarifies that the area of disturbance cannot cross lot lines. She also notes the company has filed and received another permit from the state as of January 2019. The town is notified that a permit has been issued, but does not receive a copy of that permit.

Shawn questions an invoice for the town mapping process, noting that it still had the original charge for lot changes. Janet will ask for a new invoice with the correct charges reflected.

Election Coverage: Judi notes that she was told that she could not work the polls on Election Day because her husband is on the ballot. Sheila is also on the ballot. Shawn believes this information is erroneous. His understanding of the law is that people on the ballot can work the polls, but not assist in the counting and cannot assist any voters with questions. The BOS should seek clarification from the Secretary of State regarding this issue. Dave notes that both Sheila and Judi could assist with counting the School District ballots.

The consensus is that Town Hall will be closed on Election Day and Patty will represent the BOS at the polls. Janet will be there as a Supervisor or the Checklist. Dave and others will relieve Patty and complete the counting. Dave noted the Town Report was well done and nicely put together and thanked Patty and Janet for their hard work.

Minutes: Dave motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Judi. Vote is unanimous

“Current Use” designation: Dave asks Janet if land that is designated as “current use” loses that designation if the land becomes commercially zoned. Janet explains that “current use” is for a property that is undeveloped regardless of the zoning. She notes there are categories for “current use” such as “farmland”. Dave notes that the resident was told by another resident as an explanation for her higher taxes.. Janet explains that even in “current use”, assessment of open land can change, leading to changes in taxes. She also notes this can change the taxes due when land changes the “current use” designation.

School District Ballots: Shawn notes the ballots for the School District have not been distributed yet. Patty noted the State gave Chris/Town Clerk permission to mail out the Absentee Town Ballots without the School Ballots included. Shawn explains the District is waiting on a judge’s decision regarding the Collins/Bealo lawsuit. He has asked the school secretary to have the ballots proofed with the number approved and modified regarding this matter but has not been able to confirm that process is completed. He notes that once approved, the Town will need to overnight the absentee ballots and must pay those overnight fees. All selectmen agreed and Patty was instructed to have Chris overnight the school absentee ballots when they were received. Shawn will ask for a motion at the next school board meeting to have the school district reimburse the Town for those expense. There was discussion whether to include a SASE with overnight postage affixed. The consensus of the BOS was not to include a SASE, but to include a reminder that the School Ballots must be returned by noon of Election Day (March 12).

A resident questioned the BOS regarding the Sandown Intersection discussion from the February 11 meeting, in particular, the discussion of the completion date of the project on the application. Patty explained the completion date was changed per the BOS instruction from April 2019 to October 2021 and the application was already submitted. Dave further explained the BOS was aware there was no information regarding the costs of this project and of the probability of covering those costs via Warrant Articles in future years.

Shawn read the town announcements.

III. Town Announcements

Open Committee Seats:

- ✚ Heritage Commission- 1 alternate position
- ✚ Planning Board- 2 alternate positions
- ✚ Budget Committee- 3 open positions
- ✚ **NEW** Cable Committee- 3 seats

Recreation Committee

- ✚ Paint Night: Friday, March 8 at 7:00. There is a \$25.00 fee per person. All materials are provided
- ✚ **Save the Date!** Senior Trip has been scheduled for Saturday, June 22 for Squam Lake. Cruise and Lunch included. Watch for further details in the near future!
- ✚ Recreation Committee will be forming a sub-committee for Old Home Day.

If interested please contact them at Recreation@townofdanville.org

Important Voting Information for 2019

🗳️ Voting: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at the Community Center 8:00AM-7:00PM

There being no further items to discuss, Shawn asked for a motion to adjourn. Sheila motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Dave. Vote is unanimous.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:43PM

Minutes derived by video provided on the Town of Danville website.

Respectfully Submitted
Deborah A. Christie