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**Town of Danville
Board of Selectmen
Annual Meeting at the Old Meeting House
August 31, 2020
6:30 PM**

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Meeting is Video-Recorded

Selectmen Present: Shawn O'Neil, Chair; Steve Woitkun, Vice Chair; Sheila Johannesen, Dottie Billbrough, and Joshua Horns

Others Present: Kimberly Burnham, Selectmen Administrator; Dr. Kimberly Farah, American Legion; Carsten Springer, Conservation Commission; Brian Emerson, Eversource; Elizabeth LaRocca, Eversource

Shawn called the meeting to order at 6:30PM and 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

Shawn welcomes everyone to the Old Meeting House, noting its beauty, and explains that by meeting here tonight, the BOS maintains the status of this being the oldest active meetinghouse in NH. He expresses his hope that future boards will follow the tradition and maintain the valuable status of the Old Meeting House.

I. Delegates

American Legion: Dr. Kim Farah explains she is here on behalf of the American Legion because it has come to the American Legion Post #155's attention that there is a movement in Town to adopt telephone poles to put flags on, other than the American Flag. She notes that people seem to think that is the American Legion's job and that they cannot do it any longer. She explains that while it is not an American Legion job, volunteers have always done it. The Legion is not opposed to having others doing that job, and do respect the people who will put the flags up. However, the American Legion is respectfully requesting that the flags being installed be limited to the American Flag. Shawn responds that he was aware there was a discussion online, but was not sure if it was a continuing discussion, and notes the issue has not come before the BOS. Dr. Farah acknowledges that members of the American Legion also heard of the discussions and wanted to weigh in on it before it became an issue. She acknowledges the issue does not involve American Legion poles.

Dr. Farah also wants to let the Town know the American Legion appreciates the Town taking the effort, noting the Town purchases the flags. Shawn confirms with Steve that the Fire Dept. puts up the flags. Steve notes that Allen Hess had usually put up the flags. Shawn notes that Mr. Hess is no longer in town, and the BOS will need to follow up on that. Steve notes the Fire Dept. has no problem installing the flags and has done so in the past. Shawn notes that Mr. Hess was a great volunteer, as well as a trained lineman with the proper equipment and credentials to that work. The BOS will need to find some way to address the flag installation issue and keep the tradition going. Shawn asks that the issue be put on the agenda for a future discussion, as the BOS will need to address it. Shawn assures Dr. Farah that the BOS will address the issue.

Dr. Farah also informs the BOS that the American Legion is still accepting flags for burning with the new Eagle Scout project if people want to deposit their flags there. The American Legion usually does a flag burning ceremony in the late fall.

Eversource Temporary Access Permit: Ryan Deforest identifies himself as the representative from Eversource who will be working with the Temporary Access easement process. Elizabeth LaRocca presented the necessary paperwork to the BOS that contained with the corrected verbiage added. Shawn calls on Mr. Springer regarding

the discussion of the easement motion for the northern wetlands. Mr. Springer states he thought that part of the motion was removed after the discussion with Eversource regarding the fact that Eversource does not build structures. Shawn explains that Kim had added two exhibits to the Temporary Access Permit that he had signed. The first exhibit was a picture / layout of the wetlands with a description. The second exhibit was a summation of the conditional temporary access permit with the clauses; including the clause "with permanent access easement will replace northern wetlands crossing ..." And that was sent to Eversource.

There has since been a clerical correction of that line and an update sent to Eversource. Shawn asks for a clean copy with the verbiage changed so he can sign it. Ms. LaRocca asks to have it in-hand tomorrow (Sept. 1) as the contractor needs to know by the end of today (8/31) if he will have permission for the access. Shawn reassures Ms. LaRocca the contractor has all the permissions. Ms. LaRocca states that she needs that in writing and that (unintelligible) will be negotiating the permanent access process. Ms. LaRocca notes there are not any other issues.

Shawn confirms that Eversource is still in good standing with the BOS. He has received their first draft of the proposal from Eversource and has forwarded it to the various boards and committees for review and feedback. He notes the BOS will need to collate that information for later discussion. He asks for something more concrete by the next meeting. Ms. LaRocca states they will get an addendum with the corrected easement to Exhibit B to the BOS. She will also let the contractors know they can go in through GH Carter Dr. as Eversource had requested. She notes the Mr. Deforest will be the point person on the current access agreement negotiations.

Mr. Springer expresses concern regarding the 50-60 cars parked in the access area. He notes it is not just Eversource, but also 4-wheelers and now football practice. He is concerned with everyone's safety. Shawn agrees with his concerns and reminds Ms. LaRocca that Eversource will not be the only ones accessing the fields and trail. Shawn asks Eversource to always assume there will be recreational vehicles going into that access trail and that it is a shared road. Mr. Deforest notes that safety is paramount with the contractors. Ms. LaRocca will make sure everyone is aware of that issue and take extra precautions with the contractors working there.

Sheila, noting the discussion of football practices, asks if the BOS has received the required insurance information for those practices. Shawn explains that Stacy O'Connor handles all that information and he assumes that everything is in place. He notes that Ms. O'Connor is very good about ensuring that all that paperwork is in place.

II. Signature File

Shawn confirms there are no signature file warrants and no minutes from the Aug. 24, 2020 BOS public meeting. Kim has the Aug. 24, 2020 BOS Non-Public minutes. After reviewing those minutes, Joshua motions to approve the Aug. 24, 2020 BOS Non-Public minutes as written. Second by Dottie. Vote is unanimous (5-0)

III. Old/New Business

Pesticide Proposals: Sheila updates the BOS on the pesticide proposals requested at the last meeting. Kim notes they have received a couple of proposals that are in the file. Sheila notes she is expecting another proposal as well. Shawn suggests postponing discussion until the BOS has everything and a chance to review all the proposals.

Eversource Update: Shawn has sent off the first draft of Eversource's proposal to the appropriate boards and committees for their feedback. He wants to aggregate all that information together, have a discussion, and get back to Eversource on the merits of the proposal. Shawn states he would like to schedule a Non-Public meeting with key members of the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and the Forestry Committee to offer insight into the proposal and to help guide the BOS into some of the conditions the BOS may want to place in the agreement. He would also like guidance on the monetary value Eversource would be compensating the Town. He would like to schedule this Non-Public meeting on an "off" week when the BOS is not meeting, so the BOS can just focus on these issues. He asks Kim to check with the BOS members for scheduling.

599 Main St. Update: Shawn explains the agreement is in place with the Dept. of Justice, the legal branch of the IRS. As part of that agreement, the Town has to break up the property into backlands as one property, and because they have a property that is adjacent to the lot-line of adjustment, the BOS can carve out the premises of

599, the buildings and structures, as well as have discussion regarding how to address the valuation. He notes that when the BOS do a lot-line adjustment, they need to have an end goal. Should the property be 8 acres, 10 acres, 12 acres, etc. and what is going to maximize the value of that property. He notes the BOS will need to do their due diligence to figure out what the appropriate lot size will be. Shawn expresses his belief there will also need to be a meeting with the BOS and strategic people to talk about how to maximize the value of that property with the land. Shawn confirms with Mr. Springer that the BOS would be the petitioner to the Planning Board to do the lot- line adjustment. Mr. Springer is notes that he is not clear on the process either. Shawn notes the BOS would also need to find a realtor who specializes in old historic properties and get the property on the market. He notes this process needs to start soon. Kim asks if that will also be a separate meeting. Shawn states he believes this discussion will involve a series of meetings.

GOFERR COVID-19 Update: Sheila informs the BOS the Town has received the second reimbursement check from the GOFERR COVID-19 grant. She notes she is preparing the third round of grant requests.







Shawn reads the Town Announcements listed below. He asks if Gail is all set up for the Bulk Pick-Up. Kim confirms Gail has the Bulk Pick-Up all set up and everything is online.

IV. Town Announcements

Open Committee Seats:

-  Cable Committee- Selectmen's Representative- 1 opening.

Calendar:

-  September 7- Labor Day, Town Hall Closed
-  September 8- State Primary Elections Polls open 8:00AM-8:00PM
-  September 9- Board of Selectmen's Meeting @ 7:00PM
-  September 14- Board of Selectmen's Meeting @ 7:00PM
-  October 24- Bulk Pick-Up
-  November 3- General Election

Shawn requests a Non-Public section under NH RSA 91-A:3 II(d) and NH RSA 91-A:3 II(a).

Roll Call vote: Shawn-yes, Steve-yes, Sheila-yes, Dottie-yes, Joshua- yes.

Non-Public Session begins at 6:51PM

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

Respectfully Submitted
Deborah A. Christie