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Town of Danville
Board of Selectmen
Minutes
February 3, 2014
7:00pm

Selectmen Present: Shawn O'Neil, Chris Giordano, Annemarie Inman, Michelle Cooper, Joshua Horns
Others Present: Patricia Shogren-Selectmen's Administrator, Carsten Springer, Mrs. Boyd, Nancy Steenson, Michelle O'Neil, Rob Collins, Dr. Earl Metzler, George Stokinger, Nancy Barcelos

I. Delegate

Carsten Springer made the Board aware of some land he intended to purchase that was contiguous with property he owned and that he would also be putting this property into current use. The Board saw no snags with doing this and advised him to speak with Janet Denison, the Assessing/Land Use Clerk.

II. Signature file / Minutes

Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Horns, to authorize Chairman O'Neil to sign the \$95.00 agreement with Bartlett Tree Service for the spring treatment of the Town Christmas tree. The motion passed.

Selectmen signed the MS-DT (Default budget) for the town and two intents to cut. Selectmen signed the payroll and vendor warrants.

Selectmen reviewed the document from Town Clerk Christine Tracy to authorize her to be an agent for the Town for boat registrations. Selectman Inman stated that she wanted to see the agreement in full, not just the signature page and Patty stated she would get that from Chris and forward to the Board.

Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to authorize Chairman O'Neil to sign Melanson Heath scope of services for the 2013 audit; motion passed.

Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to approve the January 21, 2014 minutes as written; motion passed. Selectman Cooper abstained.

III. New Business

Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to accept the unanticipated revenues from PSNH for \$10.00, the police department auction for \$2,429.00, and the monies received for the Main Street burn for \$2,000.00. The motion passed and the monies were accepted as unanticipated revenue. Chairman O'Neil stated that there would be a Public Hearing to accept additional unanticipated revenues that were received, each in excess of \$5,000.00 at the next Selectmen's meeting on Monday, February 17, 2014 at 7:00PM.

Selectmen reviewed a request from Barry Hantman to replace two DVD players and purchase some DVDs and cases from the Cable Fund. Selectmen approved the purchases.

Chairman O'Neil read the announcements. At 7:40PM, Chairman O'Neil called for a recess and announced that SAU 55/Timberlane Regional School district representatives would be attending an 8:00PM and the meeting would resume at that time.

IV. Timberlane Regional School District representatives / SAU 55

At 8:25PM, Dr. Earl Metzler, George Stokinger, and Rob Collins arrived and Michelle O'Neil and Nancy Steenson joined them and the Selectmen to discuss the school budget. Dr. Metzler thanked the Board for their time and stated that the Budget Committee sets goals and determines how the money is to be spent and he asked the Board to support the school budget. Vice-chair Giordano stated that enrollment of students is continuing to decline but costs continue to increase and it was stated that the services of education are still needed along with the instructional staff to demand excellence. Dr. Metzler stated that Danville will be proud when the State releases the statistics for New Hampshire Education on Thursday.

Chairman O'Neil noted the half-full busses that traveled Danville's school route and asked if the runs could be combined and it was responded that this was something they were looking into. The Sandown Central kitchen project was the only major capital improvement and the last school kitchen to be addressed. Michelle O'Neil stated the major drivers in the budget were last year's teacher contracts and the increase in insurance, nearly 1.4 million dollars that the Budget Committee had no control over.

The pilot program of one all-day kindergarten class next year in each elementary school, the middle school population, the administrative staff in the classroom, and the pro-rating of the staff who are have administrative roles as well as classroom roles were discussed.

The school representatives handed out the school warrant articles and discussed the warrant articles with the Board. The role of the SAU was discussed at length and it was explained that Hampstead in addition to Sandown, Danville, Atkinson, and Plaistow fell under the jurisdiction of the SAU and the relationship with the SAU and the schools was not unlike one of a corporation with a \$90 million dollar budget and over 1000 employees. Each school has its own administrative staff and sets its own action plan and set of goals and this is all funneled through the SAU/corporate office. When discussing warrant article 3, it was explained that the SAU costs were separated from the schools and no longer in the operating budget which limited flexibility in the moving of funds to cover any unexpected occurrences.

It was noted that Timberlane was the first school in the State to received 6 Energy Stars and they currently spend in utility costs less than what was spent in 2003. Following continued discussion, the Board thanked the group for coming to Danville and addressing their questions and concerns.

At 9:40PM Vice-chair Giordano made the motion, seconded by Selectman Inman, to adjourn; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Shogren
Selectmen's Administrator