

# FY2019 DANVILLE BUDGET COMMITTEE

## Minutes of our December 11th, 2018, meeting

BudCom Chairman Jeff Steenson called this meeting of the FY2019 Danville Budget Committee to order at 7:34PM, with the following members present:

Kathy Beattie	Present	George Manos	Excused
Tom Billbrough **	Present	Vacant	
Tara Burkhart	Excused	Jeff Steenson *	Present
Dave Knight ***	Present	Brenda Whitehouse	Excused
Ed Lang	Present	Vacant	

\* Chairperson  
 \*\* Vice Chairperson  
 \*\*\* BOS Representative

Guest	Department
Janet Denison	Selectman's Administration
Wade Parsons	Police Chief

Our first order of business was approving the minutes of our meeting from December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. The word “finds” was changed to “funds” in paragraph 3 in the last sentence. Ed also noted that Dave Abstained from the Bud com vote in the ***Veterans’ Property Tax Credit Increase warrant, not the Disabled veterans tax credit warrant.*** These changes will be made and a modified set of minutes will be submitted. Dave made a motion to accept the minutes as modified. Tom seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

We then discussed the below budgets:

	Proposed 2019	Proposed 2019	Proposed 2019	1st	2nd	Vote
	Dept. Budget	BoS Budget	BudCom Budget			
4323.10 Waste/Recycle Collection Disposal	\$317,503	\$317,503	\$317,503	Tom	Kathy	5-0 Pass
4323.30 Bulk Pick-up & Disposal	\$45,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	Tom	Ed	5-0 Pass
4210.10 Police Department	\$499,355	\$499,355	\$499,355	Ed	Katy	5-0 Pass
4210.2 Animal Control	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	Kathy	Ed	3-1-1 pass

Janet Denison came in to discuss the Waste Disposal budget 4140.20. We are in year 3 of the contract with Casella. After a limited discussion the budget was passed unanimously. Janet next discussed the Bulk Waste Pickup budget 4323.30. This budget was proposed at \$45,000 for 2 pickups next year. The BoS lowered the amount to \$25,000 for 1 pickup and will be adding a warrant article for \$25,000 for a 2<sup>nd</sup> pickup. Actual costs for both pickups for 2018 were much lower at around \$31,000 than previous years. The new procedures for signing up in advance and keeping items dry were cited as major reasons for the reduction. The BoS noted the majority of pickups were done on the first pickup of the year and wanted to put a WA in for the 2<sup>nd</sup> pickup to see if the town will look to reduce to 1 /year. After this discussion the budget was approved unanimously.

Chief Parsons then discussed the Police Budget 4210.10. Getting and retaining personnel is still the main emphasis and the budget has increased for Salary to look to bring on 1 additional Full time officer and possibly 1 Flex Part-time officer in 2019. Chief used the Greenland PD wage study to set compensation for 2019. After this discussion the budget was approved unanimously.

Dave Knight then discussed the Animal Control Budget 4210.20. The BoS did not include a Stipend amount within the budget after obtaining advice from the town attorney that they should not include it in the budget, but should create a warrant article to fund the \$4,000 Stipend. Questions were asked regarding the overall call volume this year and last year and also why they did not include the stipend in the budget. Dave referred back to legal counsels’

advice to leave it out of the budget as it was not in the budget in the prior year. After this discussion the budget was approved 3-1-1.

The below Municipal Mosquito warrant Article was amended to \$2599 from \$2500. This changed was voted on for re-approval unanimously 5-0

**Article 2019-xx                      *Municipal Mosquito Control Expendable Trust Fund***

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two thousand Five hundred and Ninety-Nine dollars (\$2,599.00) to be added to the Municipal Mosquito Control Expendable Trust Fund established for the purpose of management and spraying for mosquito control.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)**

**Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-0)**

We then voted on the Additional Bulk Pickup Warrant article below. This passed unanimously 5-0

**Article 2018-19                      Additional Bulk Pick Up**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to cover the cost of a second bulk pickup.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)**

**Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-0)**

Our next meeting will be on 12-18-18 at 7:30 at the Town Hall. Patty Shogren will be discussing the following budgets: Community Center; IT; Gov't buildings; Parks Maintenance; Personnel; Executive; and Insurance. We will also discuss any additional Warrant Articles that may be available. As always, the public is welcome to attend.

With no further items to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 9:04PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Jeff Steenson  
Chairperson