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Town of Danville  
Board of Selectmen  
Monday, January 27, 2020  
7:00 PM

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Meeting is Video-Recorded

**Selectmen Present:** Scott Borucki, Chair; Shawn O'Neil, Vice Chair; Sheila Johannesen, David Knight, and David Cogswell

Others Present: Patty Hess, Town Administrator, Ed Lang, Bob Northland, Beth Caillouette, Highway Dept.; Judi Cogswell, Dave Rosati, Kathy Beattie,

**Bud Com members:** Tom Billbrough, Dottie Billbrough, Sue Overstreet, Sheila Johannesen, Ed Lang, Jeff Stenson

Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 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

**I. Delegates**

**Highway Dept:** Ms Caillouette presents the BOS with a contract from CEI for signature. She notes the contract pay is hourly up to \$11,000. This is a \$1000 increase from last year. She explains there are new requirements that must be completed during this permit cycle. Dave K. questions the impact of the new DES regulations. Ms. Caillouette notes the MS4 requirements still stand. Dave K. motions to authorize the Chair to sign the contract. Seconded by Shawn. Vote is unanimous (5-0). Ms. Caillouette will send a copy of the contract to the BOS members when she scans the document.

**New Police Station:** Dave Rosati, a Danville resident requests permission to address the BOS regarding the new Police Station. Dave K. explains the 5 minute time limit in the Delegate session, noting if the discussion is longer they would schedule it on the agenda so the Townspeople would know the subject was scheduled to be discussed. Mr. Rosati explains that he has researched two new police stations: one in Scituate RI (where he is from) and the other in Farmington, NH. After citing a series of data points comparing Danville and the Danville Police Dept with the other two towns, he questions the size, cost, and interest rate of the new Police Station. Shawn explains the interest costs are basic math. He also explains there are State requirements regarding the cells, noting that cells for males, females, and juveniles must be segregated among other regulations. Mr. Rosati notes the construction costs are \$500 per square foot. Shawn explains the project has not gone out to bid and that this total is a "do not exceed" amount. Mr. Rosati interrupts with a question for the need for a 5200 square foot building. He asks who is saying this is what the Town needs. Shawn explains this was determined by professionals with expertise in designing police stations. He also emphasizes the proposed construction is to meet the anticipated build out of the Town. Mr. Rosati states he is just bringing up the facts and asks if there was a committee put together to do research. Shawn explains there was a committee in place for the past year. Mr. Rosati asks where the results for this research are. Dave K. notes he appreciates Mr. Rosati's feedback. He also explains that there have been committees working on the site and building for a year and a half. He explains the process to Mr. Rosati and notes they had one of the most well respected Police Chiefs in Rockingham County working with the committee and design team. Mr. Rosati interrupts Dave K. to ask if any of these reports are public. Shawn notes all the discussions are public. Mr. Rosati for more access to the records. Shawn notes BOS meeting minutes are on the website. The volume of the discussion escalates as Mr. Rosati continually interrupts BOS members as they try to clarify what information he is requesting. Scott calls the meeting back to order. He notes his appreciation of Mr. Rosati's viewpoints and asks that Mr. Rosati send his written requests for information to Patty and it will be provided in a timely manner. He notes the BOS would be more than happy to provide the minutes and records

available to the public. He notes that tours of local Police Stations cannot be shared publically due to security concerns. Scott emphasizes the BOS and the Police Station Building Committee have absolutely nothing to hide. Scott reminds Mr. Rosati that everyone in the room is on the same tax rate.

Dave K. starts to remind Mr. Rosati that his Delegate time is expired and that he could ask to be put on another BOS agenda or attend the Deliberative Session. Mr. Rosati again interrupts him, and the volume of the discussion again escalates. Mr. Rosati removes himself from the BOS table and subsequently leaves the meeting with a parting remark regarding how he feels the BOS treats disabled veterans, stating "it's a good thing she's here" (referring to a woman behind him) Dave K. apologizes to the remaining public, noting that he cannot allow anyone to shut down the BOS' ability to respond.

Dave K. motions to suspend the BOS meeting at 7:25 so the Budget Committee can meet and do their business in public. The BOS meeting will resume when they are done. Seconded by Sheila. Vote is unanimous (5-0)

**ZBA:** Ms. Denison asks to address the BOS. She presents a Timber Tax warrant for payment. She notes Fred has approved it. She also explained to the BOS that the DRA requires that all veteran and elderly exemptions be reviewed every five years. She does them on a three-year rotation, but this year she completed a complete review of all exemptions. During this review she discovered that a document has been misplaced resulting in a Veteran not receiving their exemption for the past three (3) years. She further explains this veteran is eligible for the exemption and has overpaid for the previous years. Ms. Denison requests the BOS refund the overpayment that amounts to \$1750. Dave K. motions to repay \$1750 to the Veteran whose paperwork was misplaced for three years. Seconded by Sheila. Vote is unanimous (5-0). Ms. Denison also informs the BOS there are fifteen (15) Veterans exemption requests that are missing paperwork. She has notified them with mailed letters. Ms. Denison also had a document from the DRA that requires BOS signature. There is discussion regarding the lack of enough lines for all members to sign. Shawn notes that State law requires more than four Selectmen.

**Community Center Rentals:** Patty informs the BOS that while filling out the paperwork for the DRA, specific information was required regarding the funds from the Community Center rentals. She realized this would require changes to the proposed Warrant Article for Community Center Rental fees, in particular note that a dollar amount would need to be stated in the Warrant and that the Warrant Article would need to be put forward annually. After discussing this with the Recreation Committee, the decision is to withdraw **Warrant Article 2020-23: Funds Generated from Community Center Rentals.**

Shawn notes there is a correction on the vote on Warrant Article 2020-23. Patty reminds him that is the Warrant Article she has withdrawn.

**Minutes:** The BOS review the minutes from the Jan. 23, 2020 Public Hearing on the Police Station Bond. Dave K. motions to accept the minutes. Seconded by Sheila. Scott notes a correction regarding the date. Dave K. accepts that amendment. Shelia seconds the amended motion. Vote is unanimous. (5-0).

Meeting is suspended for the Budget Committee at 7:25PM as previously voted.

Board of Selectman's meeting resumes at 8:05PM. Patty provides the proposed 2020 Town Holiday calendar to the BOS, noting the usual ten (10) holidays are reflected. There is no discussion. The consensus of the BOS is to adopted the proposed 2020 Holiday calendar.

**Appointees:** Sheila motions to appoint William Hull to the Heritage Commission. His term will expire in April 2023. Seconded by David C. Vote is unanimous.  
Sheila motions to appoint Brenda Whitehouse to the Recreation Committee. Their term will expire in April 2023. Seconded by David C. Vote is unanimous.

**Town Announcements:** Scott reads the Town Announcements listed below.

Shawn questions a MS737 document in the Signature File. Patty clarifies it is for the Budget Committee to sign. She confirms the BOS has signed the Default Budget. Sheila checks her paperwork for the Budget Committee signature sheet and provides it to Patty.

**Minutes:** The BOS reviews the minutes for the January 13, 2020 BOS meeting. Dave K. questions the wording of the motions and votes on page 1, lines 44-47. He believes one motion should reflect BOS approval for funding Fire Dept. Capital Reserve Fund for Future Fire Dept. Vehicle Purchase for the amount of \$50,000. He notes that after this correction is made, he would accept the Jan. 13 minutes as amended. Seconded by Sheila. Shawn suggests tabling the minutes until the motions in question can be clarified. Dave K. agrees to withdraw his motion and Sheila agrees to withdraw her second. **January 13, 2020 minutes are tabled.**

There is discussion regarding ensuring the Fire Truck Warrant Article is funded. Dave K. motions to re-ratify adding \$50,000 to the Fire Dept. Capital Reserve Fund for Future Fire Dept. Vehicle Purchase (Warrant Article 2020-11) and to move the Warrant Article forward. Shawn reads the Warrant Article and adds a friendly amendment to the motion to re-ratify the Warrant Article as also recommended by the BOS. Motions are seconded by Sheila. Vote is unanimous. (5-0).

The BOS reviews the minutes for the January 6, 2020 BOS meeting. There is discussion clarifying the mislabeled Jan. 6 minutes (Jan. 23 Public Minutes) and the actual January 6 BOS minutes. David C. motions to accept the January 6 BOS minutes as written. Seconded by Sheila. Vote is unanimous. Patty clarifies with David C. the approval of the Public Meeting Minutes for Jan. 23 (done earlier in the evening) and the approval of the actual BOS minutes for Jan. 6

## II. Town Announcements

### Open Committee Seats:

- ✚ Heritage Commission- 2 alternate position
- ✚ Budget Committee- 3 open positions

### Voting Information:

- ✚ **February 8, 2020: Danville Deliberative Session (Town Budget) at 10:00AM at the Community Center.**  
If there is EXTREME weather with a state emergency, the Snow Date is Sunday, February 9.
- ✚ **Tuesday, February 11, 2020: NH State Primary Election** - Polls will be open from 7:00AM to 7:00PM
- ✚ **Tuesday, March 10, 2020: Danville Town & School Elections** -Polls will be open from 8:00AM to 7:00PM.

### School District Voting Information:

- ✚ **Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 7:00PM: Danville School Deliberative Session:** in the High School Gym.
- ✚ **School Committee Vacancies:**
  - Danville School Board: one three(3) year position
  - Danville School Budget Committee: one three (3) position

### Recreation Committee

- ✚ **Senior Coffee Hour:** Next Senior Coffee hour will be **Thursday, January 27, 2020; 10:00AM-12:00PM** at the Community Center.

**Rabies Clinic:** Saturday, April 4, 2020 from 10:00AM- 1:00PM at the Safety Complex. Rabies shots for cats and dogs only will be \$12.00

**National Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day is Sunday April 12.** Everyone is encouraged to enjoy this wonderful comfort food.

There being no further items to discuss. Shawn motions to adjourn. Seconded by Sheila. Vote is unanimous Meeting is adjourned at 8:20PM (approximately due to DVD recording)

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

Respectfully Submitted  
Deborah A. Christie