



# Town of Danville



## Selectmen

Shawn O'Neil  
Steve Woitkun  
Sheila Johannesen  
Dottie Billbrough  
Dennis Griffiths

## 2023 Deliberative Session Minutes February 4, 2023

Town Clerk  
Christine Tracy  
Tax Collector  
Kimberly T. Burnham

The deliberative session was brought to order at 10:00 am with a Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence by Moderator John Chandler. Selectman Shawn O'Neil dedicated the Town Report to the late John Burnett. Moderator Chandler asked the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee to introduce themselves: In attendance was for Board of Selectmen was, Shawn O'Neil, Dennis Griffiths, Steve Woitkun, Dottie Billbrough and Sheila Johannesen. In attendance for Budget Committee was, Tom Billbrough and Jeff Steenson. Absent from BudCom was Rob Collins, Ed Lang, and Sue Overstreet. Town Clerk Chris Tracy was in attendance as was Deputy Moderator, Tom Billbrough Jr. Moderator Chandler read the Moderator's Rules for the meeting and Standard Procedures. He thanked everyone for coming out on this cold -14 degrees day. There were approximately 120 people in attendance.

Moderator Chandler explained that Articles 1 through 4 would not be discussed at this meeting and Article 5 would be discussed last.

Articles 1 and 2 were read by Moderator Chandler for the record. He noted that the town will have the opportunity to meet the candidates listed in Articles 1 & 2 at the forthcoming Candidates Night to be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 7:00 pm at the Danville Community Center. Moderator Chandler read Articles 3 and 4 for the record. They will not be discussed as Zoning Board had public hearings at an earlier time.

Moderator Chandler asked the attendee's permission to correct obvious typographical and spelling errors. Carsten Springer made a motion to correct them as they came up, Chip Current seconded. Vote was taken, motion passes.

### ***Article 2023-6 Fire Department Purchase of Pumper/Tanker***

To see if the Town of Danville will vote to raise and appropriate the sum Five Hundred, Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new 3000-gallon Pumper/Tanker Truck. This special article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V.  
\$300,000.00 to be paid from Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund  
\$125,000.00 to be paid from Public Safety Impact Fees  
\$125,000.00 to be paid from American Rescue Plan Act

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

**Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-0)**  
*No Impact Tax*

Sheila Johannesen made a motion to bring to the floor for discussion, Gail Kingston seconded. Sheila made a motion to add the wording “*and to sell by competitive sealed bid, the existing 1992 Pumper/Tanker and to appropriate the sale monies to be placed in the town’s general fund*” Gail Kingston seconded. A short discussion was held with Sheila, Shawn O’Neil, and Dennis Griffiths. Sheila made a motion to move the question, Roger Whitehouse seconded. Motion carried. A vote was taken of the amendment, motion failed. Carol Baird made a motion to add “*to replace the existing 1992 Pumper/Tanker Truck*”. Dottie Billbrough seconded. A short discussion was held. A vote was taken on the amendment, motion carried. Chip Current made a motion to restrict reconsideration, Carsten Springer seconded. Motion carried.

***Article will appear as amended:***

*To see if the Town of Danville will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred, Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new 3000-gallon Pumper/Tanker Truck to replace the existing 1992 Pumper/Tanker. This special article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V.*  
*\$300,000.00 to be paid from Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund*  
*\$125,000.00 to be paid from Public Safety Impact Fees*  
*\$125,000.00 to be paid from American Rescue Plan Act*

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)***  
***Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-0)***  
*No Tax Impact*

Paulette Ryan made a motion to skip to Article #23, Shawn O’Neil seconded. Motion carried.

***Article 2023-23 Citizen Petition - Prohibiting motorized vehicles on the Town’s Conservation lands and Town Forest***

Shall the Town adopt the following ordinance prohibiting the operation of motorized vehicles on the Town’s Conservation land and Town Forest (No tax impact)

**ORDINANCE**

It shall be unlawful to operate a motorized vehicle on land designated as Town of Danville Conservation Land or Town Forest Land. An exception to this ordinance would be emergency vehicles and those necessary for use under an approved Town Forest Management Plan or Conservation Easement. The definition of motorized vehicles shall include but is not limited to snowmobiles, ATV’s, off highway vehicles, mopeds, motorcycles, motor-driven cycles and any other motorized vehicles as defined by RSA 259.

**PENALTY**

Any person violating this ordinance shall be guilty of a Violation level offense and fined not less than \$250 dollars for the first offense and not less than \$500 dollars for a subsequent offense. Maximum fine shall be \$1000.

Chip Current made a motion to bring to the floor for discussion, Sheila Johannesen seconded. Chip made a motion to amend the article to read: *Article 2023-23 Citizen Petition – Allowing Motorized Vehicles on the Town’s Lands. Shall the Town adopt the position allowing the operation of motorized Vehicles on Town owned Land provided that all destruction of property laws and ordinances are abided, and the operators have obtained written permission from the Danville Board of Selectmen.* Carsten Springer seconded the motion. A lengthy discussion was held. Bob Loree wanted to hear from the petitioner, Roger Whitehouse questioned if the town was liable for any accidents. Dennis Griffiths replied “No,” the RSA on the books addresses it. Carsten Springer wanted to know the intent of the article from the petitioner. Sheila Johannesen addressed the article to say that it would give the Police a “tool” to enforce the rules. Police Chief Wade Parsons said that the PD very rarely gets complaints regarding OHRV’s.

Moderator paused the Deliberative at 11:05 am for a medical emergency, resumed at 11:20 am.

Further discussion regarding the amendment was held with Dave Drislane, Carol Baird, Sheila Johannesen and Shawn O’Neil. Carsten Springer made a motion to move the question, Chip Current seconded. Motion carries. Vote was taken on the amendment, motion carried.

***Article will appear as amended:***

***Article 2023-23 Citizen Petition – Allowing Motorized Vehicles on the Town’s Lands***

*Shall the Town adopt the position allowing the operation of motorized Vehicles on Town owned Land provided that all destruction of property laws and ordinances are abided, and the operators have obtained written permission from the Danville Board of Selectmen.*

Dave Knight made a motion to restrict consideration, Chip Current seconded. Motion carried.

Scott Wallace made a motion to discuss Article 22, Carsten Springer seconded. Motions carried.

***Article 2023-22 Citizen Petition – Grant Conservation Easements on Town Lands***

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Selectmen to grant and convey to New Hampshire Audubon Society, a conservation easement on the following parcels of town of property:

- 000001 000052 (formerly part of 599 Main Street)
- 000002 000055-1 (Happy Hollow)
- 000002 000018 (Back Road)
- 000002 000019 (Back Road)
- 000002 000024 0001-1 (Main Street)
- 000003-000006 Hersey Rd (John Burnett land donation)

The purpose of the Conservation Easement is to ensure the permanent protection of the said properties as open space so that it may be managed for municipal conservation benefits, including wildlife habitat, watershed protection, recreation, timber production, scenery, and natural area preservation. The Conservation Easement shall be in the form recommended by the Town Conservation Commission, Forestry Committee and Selectmen and approved by Town Counsel.

Chip Current made a motion to discuss, Sheila Johannesen seconded. Kim Farah, Lead Petitioner, spoke of the purpose of the article. Kim Farah made a motion to replace "National Audubon Society" with "Qualified Conservation Organization", also adding "Funding for the easement shall come from the conservation fund or any available grants. Thus, insuring there is no tax impact." Dave Knight seconded. Vince Edwards spoke and stated that it is our land, why turn it over to anyone else. Dave Knight said that he does not support the Audubon Society, to please support the amendment. More discussion was held, Bob Loree is in support of the amendment, Carsten Springer stated taking easements is taking away from our descendants. He also stated that tax money will be used to give away our property. Kim Farah responded that there is no tax impact as the funds are already there. Kevin Dube said he doesn't think it is lawful to take away his rights. Sheila Johannesen made a motion to move the question, Chip Current seconded, motion carried. A vote was taken on the amendment, motion carried. Chip Current made a motion to change the amendment to say "To see if the Town will vote to advise the Board of Selectmen to investigate obtaining a conservation easement for Town conservation lands. The purpose of the conservation easement is to ensure the protection of the properties for municipal benefit. The conservation easement shall be in the form recommended by the Danville Conservation Commission, Danville Forestry Committee and Danville Board of Selectmen and subsequently approved by the Town of Danville". Carsten Springer seconded the motion. More discussion was held Kim Farah stated her language on her amendment was approved from town counsel. Chip Current said that it was only advisory as written. Scott Barr made a motion to move the question, Carsten Springer seconded. Motion carried. Vote was taken on Chip Current's amendment, motion carried. Shawn O'Neil made a motion to restrict reconsideration, Scott Barr seconded. Motion carried.

***Article will appear as amended.***

*To see if the Town will vote to advise the board of Selectmen to investigate obtaining a conservation easement for town conservation lands. The purpose of the conservation easement is to ensure the protection of the properties for municipal benefit. The Conservation Easement shall be in the form recommended by the Danville Conservation Commission, Danville Forestry Committee and Danville Board of Selectmen and subsequently approved by the Town of Danville.*

***Article 2023- 08 New Police Station Capital Reserve Fund***

To see if the Town of Danville will vote to establish a Police Station Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 and to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Twenty Thousand, Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$420,350.00) to be placed in this fund. Offsetting funds were acquired from tax acquisition, after expenses, sale of property of 599 Main Street, also known as the Elm Farm and are available from Unreserved Fund Balance. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)**  
**Not Recommended by the Budget Committee (1-4)**  
*No Impact Tax*

Sheila Johannesen made a motion to bring to the floor for discussion, Dottie Billbrough seconded. Dennis Griffiths stated that the article was written incorrectly, we already have a Police Station Capital Reserve Fund. He made a motion to change the article to read: "*To see if the Town of Danville will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Twenty Thousand, Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$420,350.00) to be deposited in the New Police Station Capital Reserve Fund (previously established WA 2000-18) under the provisions of RSA 35:1. Offsetting funds were acquired from tax acquisition, after expenses, sale of property of 599 Main Street, also known as the Elm Farm and are available from*

*Unreserved Fund Balance. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund*". Shawn O'Neil seconded the motion. Carol Baird stated that money articles cannot be changed once posted. Should stay with original wording that was presented to BudCom. Sheila also stated that it should be posted with original wording. Kim Farah also said that it should have been changed before posting. Sheila reiterated that they are just trying to fix a mistake in the wording. Chip Current stated that this body has the ability to change the article. Chip made a motion to move the question, Carsten Springer seconded. Motion carried to move the question. A vote was taken on the original amendment, motion carried. Carol Baird made a motion to delete the last sentence of the article. Dave Knight seconded. Vince Edwards said the police needs the tools. This article gives them what they need. The BOS is a board that we, the townspeople, elected to make decisions for us. He supports the article as amended. Carol Baird disagreed and said to delete the line is to protect the rights of the voters. Jeff Steenson stated that all options and plans would be presented to the public. Kim Farah wanted to know where the rest of the money is coming from. Moderator Chandler told them to stay on topic of the amendment that was on the table. Dave Knight made a motion to move the question, Chip Current seconded. Motion carried. Vote was taken on the Carol Baird's amendment, amendment fails. Chip Current made a motion to restrict reconsideration, Shawn O'Neil seconded. Motion carried.

***Article will appear as amended:***

*To see if the Town of Danville will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Twenty Thousand, Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$420,350.00) to be deposited in the New Police Station Capital Reserve Fund (previously established WA 2000-18) under the provisions of RSA 35:1. Offsetting funds were acquired from tax acquisition, after expenses, sale of property of 599 Main Street, also known as the Elm Farm and are available from Unreserved Fund Balance. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.*

***Article 2023-09 Highway Capital Reserve Fund***

To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of future highway vehicles and equipment previously established.

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

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

*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.13 per thousand*

Barry Hantman made a motion to bring to the floor for discussion, Sheila Johannesen seconded. Road Agent Jimmy Seaver addressed the article stating that the Highway Dept has a need for a new Dump Truck. Cost of a new truck is approximately \$190,000.00. Shawn O'Neil gave kudos to the Highway employees for their dedication to the job. Dave Knight made a motion to move the question, Erin Ricker seconded. Shawn O'Neil made a motion to restrict consideration, Chip Current seconded. Motion carried.

***Article will appear as written and read.***

***Article 2023 -10 New Softball Field***

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$37,500.00) to plan, design, and construct a softball field for youth athletics, with the Danville Youth League donating Twelve Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00) and Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be raised by taxation.

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

**Recommended by the Budget Committee (4-1)**  
*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.04 per thousand*

Dennis Griffiths made a motion to be brought to the floor for discussion, Steve Woitkun seconded. Dennis spoke on the need for a new softball field. Nikki Armata, who runs the Danville Youth League, stated that they are limited as to what can be done on private fields. No further discussion.

*Article will appear as written and read.*

**Article 2023-11 Adoption of Retirement Plan for Employees and Elected officials**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a 457-retirement plan for employees and elected officials.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)**  
**Not Recommended by the Budget Committee (2-3)**

Sheila Johannesen made a motion to bring to the floor for discussion, Gail Kingston seconded. Dottie Billbrough addressed the article stating that the Board of Selectmen has looked at plans and does not cost the town anything. Steve Woitkun stated that it will be an incentive for longevity. Bob Loree asked what a 457 plan was, Dennis Griffiths explained that it is a deferred tax plan for municipal and state employees. Carsten asked if it is purely voluntary, Dennis replied yes. Dottie Billbrough said that the BudCom recommendation should not be on the article as there was no money involved. No further discussion.

*Article will appear as written without BudCom recommendation*

**Article 2023-12 Adoption of Retirement Plan for Employees and Elected Officials**

If the above passes to see if the Town will raise and appropriate Thirty-Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars (\$38,863.00) which is 3% matching for the Employee Retirement Plan.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)**  
**Not Recommended by the Budget Committee (2-3)**  
*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.07 per thousand*

Sheila Johannesen made a motion to bring to the floor for discussion, Shawn O'Neil seconded. Dottie Billbrough made a motion to amend the article as follows: "*If warrant article 2023-11 passes, to see if the town will raise and appropriate \$21,776.00 (Twenty One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Six Dollars) which is 3% matching for the Employee Retirement Plan. The following elected officials and employees would be eligible for the 3% matching: Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Deputy Tax Collector, Assistant to the Tax Collector, Selectmen's Admin, Land Use Clerk, Custodian, Animal Control Officer, Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, Trustee of the Trust Funds, Welfare Director, all fire department employees, all library employees and part time police officers, and the Road Agent and highway employees.*" Tom Billbrough seconded. Shawn O'Neil stated that the plan would be for all employees and elected officials except Full Time Police Dept., they have their own plan. Dottie agreed with Shawn. Mary Ann Springer said as a voter, she would not know that the Police Dept have their own plan. Dottie Billbrough withdrew her motion, Tom Billbrough seconded the withdrawal. Jeff Steenson stated all fees would be paid for by the employee. Dennis Griffiths questioned how it would be addressed every year. Dottie commented that it would not have to go on the ballot every year. Chip

Current made a motion to change “*If the above passes*” to “*If Article 2023-11 passes*”, also to change the wording to: “*see if the Town will establish a 3% matching program, part of the operating budget, to a maximum of \$1500.00 (Fifteen Hundred Dollars) per person per year, for the Employee Retirement Plan, this year up to Thirty-Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars (\$38,863.00)*”. Barry Hantman seconded the motion. Vote was taken, motion carried. Chip Current made a motion to restrict reconsideration, Shawn O’Neil seconded.

***Article will appear as amended:***

*If Article 2023-11 passes to see if the Town will establish a 3% matching program, part of the operating budget, to a maximum of \$1500 per person per year, for the Employee Retirement Plan, this year up to Thirty-Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars (\$38,863.00).*

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)***  
***Not Recommended by the Budget Committee (2-3)***  
*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.07 per thousand*

***Article 2023-13 Colby Memorial Library Infrastructure and Facility Non-Capital Reserve Fund***

To see if the Town of Danville will raise and appropriate Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to go into this fund for the engineering, repair, and renovation of facilities and the upgrade of the Colby Memorial Library’s infrastructure.

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)***  
***Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-0)***  
*Estimated Tax Impact \$.0.0086 per thousand*

Ellen Moore made a motion to bring to the floor for discussion, Chip Current seconded. Ann Massoth, Library Director, spoke on the warrant and stated it is needed for unforeseen emergency funding.

***Article will appear as written and read.***

***Article 2023-14 Establish Capital Reserve Fund for Future Expansion of the Highway Garage***

To see if the Town of Danville will vote to establish a Highway Capital Reserve Fund for Future Expansion of the Highway Garage under the provisions of RSA 35:1 and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Selectmen, as agents to expend from said fund.

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)***  
***Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-0)***  
*Estimated Tax Impact \$.0.0086 per thousand*

Sheila Johannesen made a motion to bring to the floor for discussion, Gail Kingston seconded. Jimmy Seaver, Road Agent, briefly addressed the article.

***Article will appear as written and read.***

***Article 2023-15 Animal Control Vehicle Replacement Non-Capital Reserve Fund***

To see if the Town of Danville will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the Animal Control Vehicle Replacement Non-Capital Reserve Fund previously established for future replacement of Animal Control Vehicle Purchases.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)**  
**Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-0)**  
*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.0086 per thousand*

Carsten Springer made a motion to bring to the floor for discussion, Art Griswold seconded. Sheila Johannesen addressed the article. Stated that the funds need to be added for future. Shawn questioned whether the Board of Selectmen are agents to expend funds from that account. Sheila stated that they were. Scott Barr made a motion to change the dollar amount to \$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars). Stacie O'Conner seconded the motion. Sheila addressed the amendment and said the Animal Control will be needing a new vehicle soon. More discussion was held with Sheila and Dennis Griffiths. Moderator Chandler told them to keep the discussion on the amendment. A vote was taken on the amendment, motion passed by one vote. Sheila Johannesen made a motion to amend the amount to \$1500.00 (Fifteen Hundred Dollars), Dottie Billbrough seconded. Vote was taken on the amendment, motion failed. Shawn O'Neil made a motion to restrict reconsideration, Chip Current seconded. Motion carried.

***Article will appear as amended and tax impact has been adjusted:***

*To see if the Town of Danville will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to be added to the Animal Control Vehicle Replacement Non-Capital Reserve Fund previously established for future replacement of Animal Control Vehicle Purchases.*

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)**  
**Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-0)**  
*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.0009 per thousand*

***Article 2023-16 Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund***

To see if the Town of Danville will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to be placed in the existing Cemetery Capital Reserve for future cemetery expansion.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)**  
**Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-0)**  
*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.0017 per thousand*

Sheila Johannesen made a motion to bring to the floor for discussion. No one seconded.

***Article will appear as written and read.***

***Article 2023-17 Colby Memorial Library Expend Interest***

To see if the Town of Danville will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred, Sixty-One Dollars (\$261.00) to purchase books and authorize the expenditure of those funds by the Library Trustees.

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



**Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-0)**  
*No Impact Tax*

Sheila Johannesen made a motion to bring to the floor for discussion, Ellen Moore seconded. Barry Hantman made a motion to amend the wording of the article to read “*and authorize the use of that amount from the interest income earned from the library’s TD Bank checking account and to authorize the expenditure of those funds by the Library Trustees*”. Sheila Johannesen seconded. Vote was taken, motion carried.

***Article will appear as amended:***

*To see if the Town of Danville will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Sixty-One Dollars (\$261.00) to purchase books and authorize the use of that amount from the interest income earned from the library’s TD Bank checking account and to authorize the expenditure of those funds by the Library Trustees.*

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)***  
***Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-0)***  
*No Tax Impact*

***Article 2023-18 Highway Sand/Salt Storage Building***

To see if the Town of Danville will vote to discontinue the Highway Sand/Salt Shed Account. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's General Fund.

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)***  
***Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-0)***  
*No Tax Impact*

Carsten Springer made a motion to bring to the floor for discussion, Sheila Johannesen seconded. No discussion.

***Article will appear as written and read.***

***Article 2023-19 Change Governance of the Fire ward System***

To see if the Town of Danville will vote to adopt and change the governance from the Fire Ward system and appoint the fire chief by the local governing body, or by the town or city manager, if any, with firefighters appointed by the local governing body or manager, upon recommendation of the fire chief per RSA 154:1.

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)***  
***Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-0)***  
*No Tax Impact*

Carsten Springer made a motion to bring to the floor for discussion, Shawn O’Neil seconded. Shawn stated that there are 3 Fire Wards and when issues arise, there is a conflict of interest between Fire Wards and the Fire Chief. Art Griswold stated that as a Fire Ward, he supports this article. No further discussion.

*Article will appear as written and read.*

***Article 2023-20 Veterans' Property Tax Credit***

Shall the Town of Danville readopt the All-Veterans' Tax Credit (RSA 72:28-b) for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal to the same amount or optional veterans credited voted by the Town of Danville under RSA 72:28? To allow for the expansion of the criteria needed to qualify for the All-Veterans' Tax Credit of \$750 to now include those service members that are currently serving and have not yet been honorably discharged from the armed services. The readoption of the All-Veterans' Tax Credit, if approved would continue to offer a \$750 tax credit to all honorably discharged Veterans' that eligibility requirements to now include those individuals that have not yet been discharged from active service. Note: If this Article does not pass the All-Veterans' Tax Credit would revert to the Standard Veterans' Tax Credit under RSA 72:28, I, and as of April 1, 2023, the Standard Veterans' Tax Credit would be in place and reduce the Veterans' Tax Credit from \$750 to \$50 per year.

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

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

Dave Knight made a motion to bring to the floor for discussion, Shawn O'Neil seconded. A short discussion was held with Dave Knight, Shawn O'Neil and Sheila Johannesen, all stating that they hope the article passes. Dave mentioned that he supports all Military and should get the tax credit. No other motions.

*Article will appear as written and read.*

***Article 2023-21 Citizen Petition – Default Budget Determination by Budget Committee***

To see if the town, "Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:16-b to delegate the determination of the default budget to the municipal budget committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14"?

No motions

*Article will appear as written and read.*

***Article 2023-05 Operating Budget***

Shall the Town of Danville raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Four Million, Five Hundred Thirteen Thousand, Three Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$4,513,397.00). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Four Million, Three Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand, Seven Hundred Forty Dollars (\$4,388,740.00).

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

**Recommended by the Budget Committee (4-1)**

*Estimated Tax Impact Operating Budget \$7.75 per thousand*

*Estimated Tax Impact Default Budget \$7.54 per thousand*

Barry Hantman made a motion to bring to the floor for discussion, Sheila Johannesen seconded. Tom Billbrough stated that the Budget Committee's recommendation is wrong, it should read (5-0). Barry Hantman inquired as to the difference between last year's budget and this years, what was the driving factor. Shawn responded that it was mostly highway and there is no COLA in the default budget. He also stated that the Board of Selectmen approved a 6% COLA and the Budget Committee decreased it to 3%. Sheila stated that a lot of monies spent last year came from the ARPA funds. Steve Woitkun said he would like to make a motion to change the COLA back to 6% but that he would need figures. Tom Billbrough said the difference was \$44,469.00, while Dottie said the difference is \$57,105.00. Steve Woitkun made a motion to change the Operating Budget to Four Million, Five Hundred Seventy Thousand, Five Hundred Two Dollars (\$4,570,502.00). Dottie Billbrough seconded the motion. Vote was taken, motion carried. Budcom was asked if they wanted to change their recommendation, but Shawn stated that the Budget Committee does not have a quorum, therefore, cannot take a revote of the recommendation.

***Article will appear as amended and tax impact has been adjusted:***

*Shall the Town of Danville raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Four Million, Five Hundred Seventy Thousand, Five Hundred Two Dollars (\$4,570,502.00). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Four Million, Three Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand, Seven Hundred Forty Dollars (\$4,388,740.00).*

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

*Estimated Tax Impact Operating Budget \$7.85 per thousand  
Estimated Tax Impact Default Budget \$7.54 per thousand*

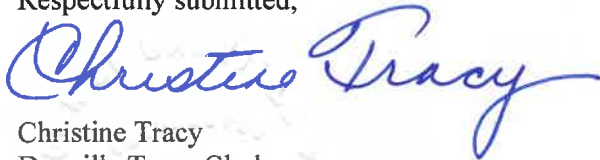
Tom Billbrough thanked Jeff Steenson for serving on Budget Committee for many years. Jeff will not be returning to Budget.

Shawn O'Neil thanked Steve Woitkun for serving as Selectmen as Steve has decided not to put his name in for re-election. Shawn also thanked Lisa Stith for all the hard work and many hours volunteering for the town.

Moderator John Chandler thanked everyone for coming out and as this was his first Deliberative as new Moderator, thanked everyone for their patience.

Tom Billbrough Jr made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Barry Hantman seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Tracy  
Danville Town Clerk