

# WELCOME TO *The Club!*

Each quarter we'll bring you important news from around Danville!



## COMMUNITY POWERED DESIGN

Since Town Meeting Day, the Town Services Committee has been hard at work on the priorities you've shared with us. We've researched, gathered data, conducted studies, and invited subject matter experts to speak, particularly on pedestrian safety.

Based on your feedback and survey responses, we heard you - safety matters!

In the foreground are the results from the visual preferences survey. The public outreach is an essential component of the pre-construction planning for this project to ensure safe and efficient circulation as well as management of stormwater. In the charrette, held October 5th, roughly 30 people from the community came to participate in a hands-on design exercise. Their work will inform the plans and construction cost estimate that will be developed by the consultants. This work is covered by a Municipal Planning Grant from the Agency of Commerce and Community Development.

Residents can now bring bulky items to the **Recycle Center every Saturday** during open hours. Find pricing at [danvillevt.gov](http://danvillevt.gov) \*No Household Garbage

**Town Meeting Day | Danville School Gym**  
**SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Holiday Crafts for Kids**  
Sat, Dec 13<sup>th</sup> | 9am-11am

N Danville Brainerd Memorial Library. Create gifts for the family or make something wonderful for yourself. Various craft stations to choose from.

**Gingerbread House Decorating**  
Sat, Dec 13<sup>th</sup> | 1pm-3pm

Register today for Pope Memorial Library's Annual Gingerbread House Decorating Party for children. This event is for children 4 years and older.

**Holiday Family Fun & Movie Night**  
Sat, Dec 13<sup>th</sup> | 3pm-7pm  
FREE | Danville School Gym

3pm-5pm: Facepainting, bounce house, games and crafts  
5pm-7pm: Showing *The Grinch*  
Dinner for sale from Lady Shaye Catering

# TOWN SERVICES COMMITTEE PROJECT

The Selectboard gave the 2025 Town Services Committee (TSC) the mission to research, compare, and recommend changes in the services the Town of Danville offers and how it may provide them. That body holds its final meeting on December 10, where it will review all its findings and recommendations and discuss whether to recommend another such short-term committee for 2026.

Details of the TSC's research and recommendations are on the Danville web page: [Government > Departments > Town Services Committee](#). This is an EXTREMELY abbreviated summary of the major services the members looked at:

- Wastewater: review and update the Sewer Ordinance; reappoint a Superintendent; initiate sludge removal and plant upgrades per engineering report; and update fees for wastewater users to cover the system maintenance costs over time.
- Drinking Water: if Danville Fire District #1 (DFD#1) members approve the sale and consolidation, ask Town Meeting to approve the purchase of DFD#1 for the Town to operate, with fees such that water customers cover the system maintenance costs.
- Website: update pages and site structure to simplify navigation and add online forms; share content management between Selectboard and Town Clerk's office.
- Recycling/Bulky Waste: continue to operate the Recycling Center with weekly bulky waste collection - but hire another person so the one attendant doesn't have to work every single Saturday.
- Facility/Grounds Management and Public Works Administration: this was a much bigger task than expected; assign and track building and grounds responsibilities as suggested and examine this further in 2026.
- Zoning Fees: update zoning fees to cover town permitting and enforcement costs and simplify processing where possible.
- Public Safety Employee: ask Town Meeting to establish a part-time Fire Department Administrator who would also cover Emergency Management, Town Health Officer, and parking ticketing tasks (more on page 4).
- Pedestrian Safety: continue public awareness efforts; reestablish traffic enforcement near year 2000 levels; and improve traffic calming measures in built-up areas (more on page 3).



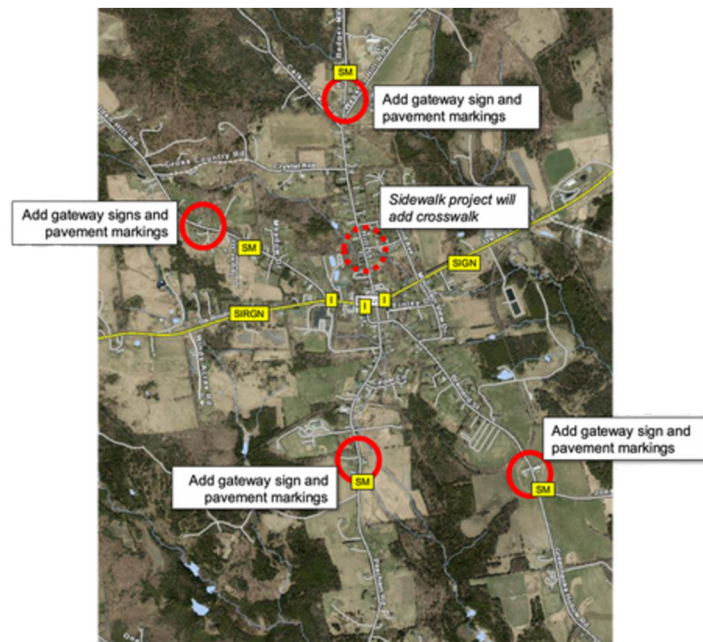
# PEDESTRIAN SAFETY UPDATE

At the 2025 Town Meeting floor meeting in March, there was a lot of discussion leading to passage of an amended Article 8: “Shall the town voters raise, appropriate, and expend up to an additional \$40,930.00 to implement the recommendations of the Town Services Committee to improve pedestrian safety in the Town of Danville?”.

While it has taken a little longer than hoped to do research, gather public comments, and implement potential options, the Town Services Committee (TSC) and ad hoc groups have integrated new and existing efforts (like the shared pathway project) into three sets of recommendations to fund pedestrian safety measures wisely – efficiently and effectively – using the appropriated taxes in 2025 and 2026.

- For Public Awareness, there have been public meetings, a walk audit and survey, a main village charrette, and speed data collection with radar guns. Key takeaways are “safety first” and “keep the Danville charm” while continuously analyzing data and providing updates and opportunities for feedback.
- For Traffic Enforcement, many sources agreed: the things that have the greatest impact on people speeding are 1) getting a ticket and 2) seeing someone else get a ticket. The Selectboard engaged the Caledonia County Sheriff Department in May to provide coverage similar to that of 2000-2005. Sheriff Thraikill has, with some significant effort, built a patrol division to support Danville and other towns asking for similar coverage – focused on safety enforcement across the entire town, not necessarily ticket income in the busiest areas (though the most dangerous offenders will likely provide that).
- For Traffic Calming, the TSC coordinated with the state Agency of transportation (AOT/VTrans) to determine the most effective measures. They identified many things that are already being done, including as part of the Shared Pathway project, and that the key areas are transition zones where rural highways enter village centers. In light of that, they recommended 6 locations to improve gateway treatments in North Danville and the main village, additional locations for mobile Radar Speed Feedback (RSF) signs, and roughly 8 locations across town for additional Speed Limit signs. None of these will stop determined speeders - but they will help keep law-abiding drivers honest.

...look for updates and details at the information meetings before the 2026 Town Meeting.



**CLICK TO SEE THE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS PRESENTATION**

# PART-TIME FIRE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATOR

Should Danville have a paid employee to work on public safety issues, and if so, which issues and for how much time? Residents discussed this topic at the Fall Emergency Management and November Town Services Committee meetings.

The issue is the critical roles vs expectations of volunteers doing public safety and emergency management tasks for the town, with few resources but increasing workloads and training requirements. Maybe it's time to pay someone to do some of the mandatory and essential (but not very glamorous) work like regulatory enforcement, recordkeeping, compliance reporting, and grant applications. What are we willing to pay for, what do we really expect volunteers to do, and what are we OK with NOT doing?

After reviewing a wide range of potential roles, tasks, and work requirements, the Town Services Committee is recommending a Town Meeting item to decide whether to hire a part-time Fire Department Administrator, who would also be the Emergency Management Director and Town Health Officer (and a parking enforcement official). The person could work as required (per diem) or for defined minimum and maximum hours each week - as Town Meeting decides!

Research and details of discussions to date are on the Emergency Management and Town Services Committee web pages. Look for more information before Town Meeting - at the information meetings there will be details like a proposed job description and options for duties at roughly 4 hours/week (\$5,000/year), 8 hours/week (\$10,000/year), and 16 hours/week (\$20,000/year).

## 2026 DANVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENTS

**Farmers Market** - Jun to Oct, NEW TIME 3-6pm

**Danville Community Fair** - Sat, Aug 1st

**Autumn on the Green** - Sun, Oct 4th, 10am-4pm

**Trick or Treat Trail** - Sat, Oct 31, 5pm-7pm

**Holiday Stroll** - Fri, Dec 4, 5pm-7pm

**Movie Nights on the Green: Save the Date!**

Sat, July 18th, 8:30pm | Sat, August 22nd, 7:30pm

Sat, Sept 19th, 7:00pm | Sat, Oct 17th, 4pm-6pm

[danvillevtchamber.org](http://danvillevtchamber.org)



## 2025 HOLIDAY STROLL RECAP

Thank You to all that attended the Tree Lighting & Holiday Stroll! Families & neighbors enjoyed garland stringing, card making, cookie decorating, wagon rides, hot cocoa bar and delicious food and drinks throughout town. The chamber went through nearly 7 GALLONS of hot cocoa in just 2 hours!

# DANVILLE DOG PARK HOSTS A WORK DAY

No, it's not dog-ready yet, but it's looking much more like a bona fide park these days! On Saturday, October 18th, a dedicated team of volunteers rolled up their sleeves and began the arduous task of brush hogging and clearing the site in anticipation of a 2026 fence installation. The idea was born from the Community Site Walk this past Sept.

Many, many thanks to Mike Rousse (operator of the big brush hog and tractor) and Tim Sanborn (the little brush hog that could), as well as the rest of the hard-working team who hauled, cut, and chipped away at branches:



Jeffrey Nielson, Jo Oliver, Polly Joncas, Gary Farrow, Alice Kitchel, Peter Smith, Chelsea and Emory Hewitt, and Alison Low. Many of us repaired to Three Ponds for refreshments after, where it was great to get to know the newest volunteers to the Dog Park effort. We may work awfully hard, but you can't say we don't have fun!

Two things we learned from this experience: 1) the site is substantially larger than originally envisioned, thanks to the removal of all that brush, and 2) there is a gorgeous view of Route 2 and Diamond Hill from the center of the planned main enclosure. That view will be even better once the wastewater treatment building gets painted.

We still have some more work to do this winter with fundraising, and there will be some more site prep in the Spring. Want to join us? Contact [alow@danvillevt.gov](mailto:alow@danvillevt.gov)

P.S. Just a friendly reminder to NOT take your dog to the site just yet. There is no fence!



## DANVILLE VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

### What is the DVIS?

The DVIS is the Danville Village Improvement Society. Founded in 1899, the DVIS is the oldest improvement society in Vermont! We are a small but mighty group of volunteers who are committed to keeping Danville beautiful through beautification and enhancement efforts around the community.

The **DVIS Annual Meeting** will be held on January 7th from 6pm-8pm. A virtual option will be made available. ***All are welcome to attend!***

Many thanks to our members who helped "Deck the Halls" of Danville with holiday decorations that can be seen throughout town.

# SHARED PATHWAY & HILL STREET SIDEWALK PROJECT UPDATE

On September 25th, the project team hosted a public outreach informational meeting. VHB design engineers, Tanner Burt and Branden Roberts, were on hand to present conceptual plans for the project and led the discussion along with Ken Robie, Municipal Project Manager and Chris Hunt, VTrans Project Manager. Public input from this meeting and a two-week comment period informed design decisions for both Peacham Road and Hill Street infrastructure.

## Peacham Road Design Decisions

- The pathway from the LVRT to the Recreational Fields will be a 5ft concrete sidewalk.
- The pathway from the LVRT to the Danville School access road will be a 10ft separated bituminous pathway with a grass buffer. This may be reduced to an 8ft path where adjacent property impacts are too great.
- The pathway from the school access road to Park Street will be an 8ft bituminous path with granite curb and grass buffer.

## Hill Street Design Decisions

- The sidewalk and parallel parking on the west side of Hill Street will be as shown on current plans.
- The west side of Hill Street will be widened north of the business block to accommodate an additional 8-10 parallel parking spaces.
- A closed drainage system will be designed to eliminate the current deep drainage ditch.
- A 5ft concrete sidewalk will be located in approximately the same location as the current path, ending south of Grand View Avenue where it will cross to the east side.
- A 5ft concrete sidewalk will extend from Grand View Avenue to Highland Avenue.

The contract with VHB has been amended to include the closed drainage system design. Next project steps will include three design options for the Town's review, followed by the selection of a preferred alternative. This exciting project is proceeding according to schedule, with construction slated for 2028!

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## DANVILLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Danville DCC has been busy over the last year constructing trails in and improving access to the Danville Town Forests. We encourage everyone to get out and enjoy the town forests during the winter, especially the Rogers Lot where there is a plowed parking area and a marked snowshoe trail.

The DCC has also been working with our new County Forester, AJ Follansbee, who recently completed a detailed inventory of the Pumpkin Hill Town forest, updating the 10 year Forest Management plan. All are welcome to attend an upcoming public presentation by AJ on the health and diversity of the Pumpkin Hill forest and his recommendations on how to ensure a healthy future for this valuable natural resource.

Stay tuned for dates of this presentation as well as walks and events.

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