

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF DANVILLE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**March 3, 2026**

The Town of Danville Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 10:14 am at the Danville School on Tuesday, March 3, 2026.

Toby Balivet led The Pledge of Allegiance. Invocation was read by Nolan Cargill.

The following articles were voted on:

1. To elect a Moderator – Tom Ziobrowski nominated Toby Balivet. There were no other nominations. Moderator asked clerk to cast one ballot for Toby Balivet.
2. To elect a Selectperson for a term of three years – Matthew Choate was nominated. There were no other nominations. Matthew was elected by voice vote.
3. To elect two Selectpersons for a term of one year each – Janice Ouellette was nominated. There were no other nominations. Janice was elected by voice vote. Kristen Calkins was nominated. There were no other nominations. Kristen was elected by voice vote.
4. To elect a Lister for a term of three years – Marcia Pettigrew nominated. There were no other nominations. Marcia was elected by voice vote.
5. To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector – Ed Ledo was nominated. There were no other nominations. Ed was elected by voice vote.
6. Shall the town voters appropriate a total of \$42,802.00 to the following social service agencies, pursuant to 24 V.S.A § 2691? – Tom Zoibrowksi moved, Gary Farrow 2<sup>nd</sup> – motion passed.
  - Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice \$2,600.00.
  - Catamount Film and Arts \$500.00.
  - The Community Restorative Justice Center \$250.00.
  - Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium \$2,196.00.
  - Kingdom Animal Shelter \$500.00.
  - Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging \$1,700.00.
  - Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. \$2,306.00.
  - Northeast Kingdom Youth Services \$750.00.
  - Pope Memorial Library \$28,000.00.
  - Rural Community Transportation, Inc. \$1,800.00.

- Umbrella \$1,200.00.
  - West Danville Community Club \$1,000.00.
7. Shall the Town appropriate \$5,000.00 to the St. Johnsbury Nutritional Center, Inc., 1207 Main Street, (PO Box 21) St. Johnsbury, VT 05819 for meeting its operational expenses and feeding the Danville Senior Citizens, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691? – Jenness Ide moved, Kim Prior 2<sup>nd</sup>. Jenness Ide explained the article. The vote was called on the article. Article passed.
  8. Shall the voters of the Town of Danville authorize the Selectboard, for a period of up to two years, to engage in the acquisition of Danville Fire District #1; to include its land holdings, equipment, profits and debts, should the municipality’s existing prudential board choose to dissolve? (Advisory Only) – Gary Farrow moved, Dan Ouellette 2<sup>nd</sup>. Article was discussed. The vote was called on the article. Article passed.
  9. Shall the town voters (Australian Ballot) authorize General Fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$1,031,542.83, of which \$842,989.33 shall be raised by taxes and \$188,553.50 by non-tax revenues? Discussion pursued.
  10. Shall the town voters (Australian Ballot) authorize Highway Fund expenditures of \$1,706,799.22, of which \$1,289,222.21 shall be raised by taxes and \$417,577.01 by non-tax revenues? No discussion.
  11. Shall the town voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes on November 13, 2026, by physical delivery to the treasurer before 4:00 p.m. on that date? – Jennessa Ide moved, Gail Calkins 2<sup>nd</sup>. The vote was called on the article. Article passes
  12. Any other non-binding business? – Toby Balivet proposed the presenters that are not voters in the Town of Danville have open approval to speak. Request passed.

Roy Vance passed away and the room observed a moment of silence.

Janice Ouellette spoke on the Town Services Committee – looking for volunteers. Glenn Herrin also explained how the Town Services Committee operates whereas they do the research and put the decision making on the board. In 2025 several of the recommendations were implemented.

Michael Hogue gave recognition to Curt, Laura and Lucy Edger for the great job at the Green Banks Hollow Bridge which was lit by votive candles on Christmas and New Years.

Janice Ouellette discussed the Town Administrator position and onsite highway supervisor.

Alison Low encouraged volunteers to come on March 14<sup>th</sup> to the dog park. They plan to have a bonfire to get rid of brush.

A non-binding article was brought up that read: Community Pledge. “We affirm to our commitment to freedom, justice, and equality for the Palestinian people and all people; We oppose all forms of racism, bigotry, discrimination, and oppression; and we declare ourselves an apartheid-free community and to that end, we pledge to join others in working to end all support to Isreal’s apartheid regime, settler colonialism, and military occupation. The voters

of the Town ask the Selectboard to send a letter to the State Legislature and the Governor stating that this pledge was passed by voters at our town meeting.” The people who moved and seconded were unknown. Glenn Herrin does not believe that the town should take national issues at town meetings. Alison Despathy agreed with Glenn that this is national politics. Judy Corso read the pledge and amended it to read “We affirm to our commitment to freedom, justice, and equality for all people; We oppose all forms of racism, bigotry, discrimination, and oppression; and we declare ourselves an apartheid-free community and to that end. The voters of the Town ask the Selectboard to send a letter to the State Legislature and the Governor stating that this pledge was passed by voters at our town meeting.” Judy moved the amendment and Jenness Ide 2<sup>nd</sup>. Alison said it is already in our constitution. Ed Ledo thinks this is not something we should vote on. We are here for town business. The person who asked for the pledge had more comments. A request to call the vote and second. To call the vote passed. Toby read the amended article. The amendment passed. The article is discussed. The vote was called on the amended article. After the voice vote a paper ballot was requested by more than seven voters. Paper ballot was used No 87 Yes 51. Motion failed.

Standing ovation for the great work of the Highway Crew.

Greg Burt, State Representative, gave a presentation. Discussion followed.

Janice Ouellette thanked Glenn Herrin for all he had done on the Selectboard. He will still help with future projects.

**Adjourned 11:57 am**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Leclerc, Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
E. Tobias Balivet, Moderator                      Janice Ouellette, Chair