

Town of Danville
Selectboard Minutes
July 21, 2022
Danville Town Hall (6:00 pm)

Board Members Using Microsoft Teams: Ken Linsley

Board Members Present: Janice Ouellette, Eric Bach, Peter Griffin (arrived 6:06 pm) and Kellie Merrell (arrived 6:35 pm)

Others Present: Audrey DeProspero, Jonathan Baker, Jim Rose

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Meeting was called to order by Chairman Eric Bach at 6:00 pm.

1. **Additions to the agenda:**

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Update
- General Info

2. *Motion by Ken Linsley, 2nd by Janice Ouellette to approve **minutes of Regular meeting of July 7, 2022** as written. Vote 3-0-0. All in favor. (Peter Griffin and Kellie Merrell not present at time of vote).*

3. **Visitors**

- **Jonathan Baker, NEK CUD Representative for Town of Danville – Update on Planned Build Outs for Next Year** – discussed Tilson building out the densest portions of Danville and applying to the state to do more build outs around this area however the NEK CUD (Northeast Kingdom Community Broadband Communications Union District) has decided to accelerate the build out around Danville as they have received additional funds. The areas of future work: West Danville (prioritize towards houses with school children or elderly), North Danville, and South East Danville (committed to build fiber in these areas for the next five years). Pricing and services discussed noting ACP broadband subsidy discount.
- **Jim & Yva Rose, Lamoille Valley Bike Tours – Pop Up Events at Joe’s Pond** – Jim and Yva Rose (husband and wife team) started their business 7 years ago when the rail trail opened. They do e-bike tours, rentals, sales, regular bikes, group tours and multi day tours. They have a rail trail shuttle for day tours and multi day tours. They basically do bike and electric bike trail experiences for people. They are a travel and tourism company. The rail trail is scheduled for completion this fall and they are seeking to build tours in this area to connect folks to the area. Jim Rose sought permission to hold e-bike pop up tour rentals at the beach area in Danville. He has done some dates in St. Johnsbury and is looking to do some in Danville in the Joe’s Pond trail area.

Eric Bach inquired if the pop-up event would be at the beach or pavilion.

Jim Rose noted he was looking to find the best area/location, noting the area near the beach is a bit small/tight but wants to work with the Town to bring people to the town. While here, he would be renting bikes for a day event in town. The longer trips would be expanding day tours and taking their shuttle to various areas to move tourism around area which would include restaurants, hotels, etc. however he was still working on those logistics.

Peter Griffin discussed support around Danville and incorporating this area. There was lots of supportive people around the area but wanted Jim Rose to be sensitive to the area of Route 2 and 15 as there is extreme concern for speed and safety in that area from the people living in the area.

Jim Rose noted it was great feedback and thought there would be four cars total as he would only be bringing 8 bikes for the pop-up event and people usually come in pairs.

Eric Bach inquired if this was a single event or a series of events.

Jim Rose noted he had a few dates in mind for August and noted he was invited to the Energy Fair.

Eric Bach suggested to set up in different areas of Town such as Beach, Rail Station and Marty's to draw more attention.

Peter Griffin inquired if it was primarily e-bike rentals or would there be regular bike rentals too.

Jim Rose noted they had a mix however e-bike rentals were currently the primary attraction. He discussed increased mobility and rebate programs for an e-bike. He noted he had return customers for back road tours, food tours, custom tours and would produce a ride guide for each town such as what you can do in that town.

Peter Griffin inquired to the specific dates.

Janice Ouellette inquired if the pop ups would be days or weekends.

Jim Rose sought four dates in August: 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th.

Selectboard discussed days and suggested to have the 4th and 11th at Beach and 18th and 25th at Train Station.

Ken Linsley suggested to reach out to the West Danville Community Club with information.

Eric Bach suggested to use the area across from Marty's on the 25th.

Discussion on who owns the land across from Marty's ensued and noted was investigation would need to be done as both Wendy Somers and Keith Gadapee were not present during discussion.

Peter Griffin stepped out of meeting at 6:39 pm

Motion by Kellie Merrell, 2nd by Janice Ouellette to allow Lamoille Valley Bike Tours to host pop up events on August 4 and 11 at Beach and August 18 and 25 at Train Station with investigation into area across from Marty's as to ownership and to require insurance and to contact the West Danville Community Club with event details. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carries (Peter Griffin not present at time of vote).

Peter Griffin returned to meeting at 6:41 pm.

4. **Town Clerk** (Wendy Somers) - absent
5. **Highway Foreman** (Keith Gadapee) - absent

Eric Bach noted he went down Joe's Brook Road and it looks great. He also noted that he was informed that Mountainview would be closed on Friday for a portion of the day.

6. **Issues and Information** (All)

- (a) **Use of Hill Street Park – Ollie Wolfson Scholarship Foundation Fundraiser** – Audrey DeProspero – Kelly Wolfson contacted the Selectboard office requesting use of the Hill Street Park on Wednesday, August 3rd from 3 – 5 pm for the Ollie Wolfson Scholarship Foundation Fundraiser. The outdoor event is to raise money for the Ollie Wolfson Scholarship Foundation. The scholarship will be going to a student in Danville who gives back to the town. The band, Just Havin' Fun will be present and there will be lemonade and cookies given out.

Motion by Janice Ouellette, 2nd by Peter Griffin to approve the Wolfson Family to host the fundraiser at Hill Street Park on Wednesday, August 3rd from 3pm until 5pm. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carries.

- (b) **Town Website** – Janice Ouellette discussed submission from Zoning Administrator for zoning page. She noted the information submitted, Key Concepts in Zoning was good information for the zoning page and appreciated receiving the information. Janice Ouellette is seeking to increase traffic to the Town website. She would like for people to use it more so that they get to know more about the community. She suggested to have brief bios of individuals who are on the committees added to the website and to have a page letting

people know how Danville works for them. She would like to build a user-friendly website for people to use to get to know the people on the committees and get buy in from town's people. Janice Ouellette is seeking to bring more people to use the website and to improve the website.

Eric Bach thinks the website is clunky and it could be improved upon.

Kellie Merrell thinks it is a good idea to improve the website and to make it more accessible. She thought by doing such it might encourage people to volunteer for town positions and may help with recruitment to volunteer positions if people see who is on the committees.

Consensus is positive to have work done on the Town website for more visibility and usage.

- (c) **Wastewater Treatment Plant Update** – Audrey DeProspero discussed Jim Brimblecombe's submission of the updated estimate received from Laramie Water Resources for the Route 2 East Pump Station.

Motion by Kellie Merrell, 2nd by Janice Ouellette to authorize the increase of \$1,444.69 plus shipping and handling for the estimate from LWR (Laramie Water Resources) to replace 2 pumps and controls at the 611 Route 2 East Pump Station. Vote 5-0-0. All in favor.

Informational Items (Ken Linsley):

- Reminder - Town has 2 ½ years to commit ARPA funds and 4 ½ years to expend the funds. If the Town is going to do a study for Lemna, they would need to start working on this.

Eric Bach suggested to put ARPA Fund Spending on their next meeting.

Selectboard discussed the upcoming meetings and their schedules.

Eric Bach discussed sitting down to see which direction the Town wanted to head in and invite the people who are associated with each project to get their input and feedback.

Peter Griffin thought it was time to start the ARPA fund discussion.

Ken Linsley suggested to hold a Special Meeting.

Consensus was to hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday August 2nd at 6:30 pm and invite specific persons associated with projects.

- VLCT Town Fair – various reps from communities for networking. Thinks someone from Town Clerk and Selectboard should attend.

Eric Bach thought about attending.

Kellie Merrell inquired about the date of the Fair.

Ken Linsley noted it would take place in Killington on October 6th and 7th.

7. Financials: Orders to review and sign - Financials signed.

8. Adjourn - *Motion by Ken Linsley, 2nd by Kellie Merrell to adjourn at 7:05 pm. All in favor.*