

Town of Danville
Selectboard Minutes
August 4, 2022
Danville Town Hall (6:00 pm)

Board Members Present: Peter Griffin, Kellie Merrell, Janice Ouellette and Eric Bach

Board Members Absent: Ken Linsley

Others Present: Audrey DeProspero, Joan Klappert, Keith Gadapee, and Wendy Somers

Others Present Using Microsoft Teams: Craig Morris

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

1. **Additions to the agenda:** Selectboard invitation
2. *Minutes postponed until the next Selectboard meeting.*
3. **Visitors**
 - **Joan Klappert, resident – Recycle Center Give Away Area Assistant/Organizer** – interested in setting up the give-a-way section at the Recycle Center under Clayton Cargill's supervision. Joan Klappert would like to organize the area to show items dropped off.

Eric Bach explained how the Recycle Center was not a place for collecting stuff. The new Recycle Center is for persons to bring their recyclable items to. There is no extra room to collect stuff as it has limited space and cannot be expanded. If Joan Klappert would like to assist at the Recycle Center she could do so only on Saturdays during hours of operation, not before nor after.

Consensus is that it is okay for Joan Klappert to pop in on Saturdays to help organize.

- **Louie Cassani, resident – Brown Road work discussion** – not present. See Highway Report.
4. **Town Clerk** (Wendy Somers)
 - Seeking to fill open slots on election day: 9:30 am until 1 pm and 1 pm until 4 pm.
 - Phone call from Kate Russ of Tillson Broadband. There are issues due to Town being part of the CUD. Tillson is getting denied grants in Town because the Town is part of the CUD. Tillson can service existing lines in Town but cannot put in any new lines. A letter is forthcoming from Tillson Broadband. Wendy Somers suggested Tillson attend a Selectboard meeting to explain.

Consensus is to have the CUD Representative and the Tillson Broadband Representative attend a Selectboard meeting to discuss.

- Covered Bridge Road – confusion with location of new house being built and an untraveled road that was technically thrown up back in the 40's. This road runs cross lots from Thaddeus Stevens Road to Joe's Brook Road. There are two private road signs on both ends of the discontinued road. As the new house is being built off the Joe's Brook Road side, E-911 suggested to leave the Covered Bridge Road name on the Private Drive at the other end and come up with a new private road name off of the Joe's Brook Road end, as there could be development of four properties on that end in the future. Owners were contacted and a list of suggested names were submitted to Selectboard for decision.

Motion by Kellie Merrell, 2nd by Janice Ouellette to name the private road off the Joe's Brook Road side to Hemlock Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carries.

- 2022 Tax Rate – last year's tax rate discussed along with the 2022 rates. The Grand List is up \$60,000 from last year.

Motion by Kellie Merrell, 2nd by Janice Ouellette to pass the 2022 Tax Rate as presented by Treasurer/Town Clerk for Total Residential at \$1.9034 and Total Non-Residential at \$1.9718. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carries.

5. **Highway Foreman** (Keith Gadapee)

- First request for Class 4 is up in West Danville on Brown Road. When Route 15 got paved the elevation of 15 changed which changed the apron to Brown Road due to 15's paving, making the road narrower. A resident spoke to the Highway Foreman and the State. It was thought that the State should be addressing it but the State said they would give a permit to the Town to fix. The resident is requesting for the Town to do the work to widen the road as the resident feels it is narrow and dangerous as someone went off the road in the winter.
- Second request for Class 4 is on Webster Hill Road. It is a Class 4 gravel request because the insurance company of a resident told them they would not insure the resident due to the road.

The Highway Foreman is seeking the Selectboard's opinion on both requests.

Selectboard discussed Class 4 Road Policy, locations of requests, cost associated to the Town for repairs/maintenance, long term solution and quick fix.

Eric Bach discussed Webster Hill noting it would be a short-term fix as it will only wash away.

Craig Morris inquired why the Highway Foreman could not use ditch cleanings to keep it passable.

Keith Gadapee noted ditch cleanings were recycled gravel which is a granule material and an option to save costs.

Peter Griffin noted he was not crazy about authorizing \$5,000 that the Town had not budgeted for.

Eric Bach agreed with Peter Griffin due to budgetary reasons this year.

Janice Ouellette agreed with both Peter Griffin and Eric Bach.

Consensus is not favorable for either request.

- New person started Monday, August 1st and will have his CDL by August 18th.
- Joe's Brook Road project is completed.

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

- (a) **Road Hazard – Park/Peacham** – Audrey DeProspero discussed email from Gail Hare requesting to have someone remove the foliage on the corner by the Post Office as it is hindering driver's visibility trying to make a left turn toward Peacham Road.

Keith Gadapee noted location was near the transformer on the Post Office lawn. It is close to the Right-of-Way but may not be in the ROW. If asked by the Selectboard, he would weed whack area after contacting the landowner.

Consensus is for Keith Gadapee to contact the landowner and take care of the area.

- (b) **Insurance** – Audrey DeProspero – the new Recycle Center has been assessed for \$46,000 which if added to the current building value of \$410,848 would cost roughly \$110 yearly and if \$5,000 was added to the current contents of \$20,000 it would be roughly \$12 yearly. Both would be pro-rated if added now because the Town's policy renews on 1/1/23.

Selectboard discussed contents of the building.

Motion by Kellie Merrell, 2nd by Peter Griffin to increase the building by the assessed value but not the contents. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carries.

- (c) **Selectboard Invitation** – Audrey DeProspero – the Selectboard have been invited to attend a pollinator habitat workshop on August 10th from 4pm until 6pm at Snapdragon Farm to see what pollinator plots look like.

Selectboard checked their schedules.

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

8. **Adjourn** - *Motion by Kellie Merrell, 2nd by Peter Griffin to adjourn at 7:16 pm. All in favor.*

Minutes taken by Audrey DeProspero submitted August 9, 2022 at 4:00 pm.