

Town of Danville
Special Selectboard Minutes
October 26, 2022
Danville Town Hall (12:30 pm)

Board Members Present Using Microsoft Teams: Peter Griffin, Ken Linsley, Janice Ouellette and Eric Bach

Board Members Absent: Kellie Merrell

Others Present: Audrey DeProspero, and Michael Hogue

Meeting was called to order by Chair Eric Bach at 12:30 pm.

1. Issues and Information (All)

(a) ARPA Fund Spending

Eric Bach discussed request from Planning Commission for Bylaw Modernization Grant which needs to be in by November 1st.

Michael Hogue noted he thought the date was December 1st however during a recent review of the document he realized the date was November 1st so a Special Selectboard meeting was needed. The Bylaw Modernization Grant was sent to the Planning Commission to review. Michael Hogue noted he was working on the Housing Section of the draft Town Plan. Michael Hogue spoke of short-term rentals and houses being taken off the market. He has had a conversation with Alison Low of NVDA about affordable housing. This grant would do an audit to look at the current bylaws for conflicts. The grant amount being sought is \$10,000 which has a 10% match. If enacted by 2025 then the match would be waived. Once finished in 2023 the Planning Commission would return to the Selectboard to look at another grant. A signed resolution is required from the Selectboard to go ahead with the grant. Wendy Somers is the Grant Administrator; Glenn Herrin is to sign on behalf of the Planning Commission and Eric Bach is to sign on behalf of Selectboard. The paperwork needs to be in by Monday.

Peter Griffin requested a recap of what the money was for and where it would live.

Michael Hogue noted the recommendation was by the Planning Commission to the Selectboard, the money is for hiring a consultant, there may be small administrative costs, and there will be a review of the Town Plan with integration of Bylaws for the Town Plan.

Motion by Peter Griffin, 2nd by Ken Linsley to approve the Municipal Planning Grant FY2023 for Bylaw Modernization Grant.

Ken Linsley suggested word change in Section 1A change "how efficiently the bylaws integrate in support of the Town Plan" to read "how efficiently the bylaws support development as envisioned in the Town Plan" and Section 1C change 'whether the bylaws incentivize development in Village centers in support of walkable communities and,' to delete the word incentivize and substitute encourage. He noted the consultant would recommend changes for Bylaws to facilitate and if accepted the match would be forgiven however if we do not accept all what is the cost.

Michael Hogue noted he had the same concern and has reached out with that question.

Vote 4-0-0. Motion carries.

Motion by Ken Linsley, 2nd by Janice Ouellette to adjourn at 12:39 p.m. All in favor.

Minutes taken by Audrey DeProspero submitted October 26, 2022 at 1:00 pm.