

Town of Danville
Special Selectboard Minutes
January 22, 2025
Danville Town Hall (5:00 pm)

Board Members Present: Alison Low, Eric Bach, Janice Ouellette, and Glenn Herrin

Board Members Absent: Peter Griffin

Others Present: Audrey DeProspero and Michelle Leclerc

Meeting called to order by Chair Janice Ouellette at 5:00 pm.

1. Issues and Information (All)

(a) General Budget

Glenn Herrin suggested continuing as they are then speak to auditors about carry over in future.

Noted was tracking changes are difficult from year to year.

Delinquent Taxes discussed, noted was there is not supposed to be anything in there.

Glenn Herrin suggested to add line: revenues not from Taxes (other income source unknown).

Alison Low inquired about the actual impact on tax bill.

Michelle Leclerc noted it was going by same Grand List as 2024. Municipal rate increase 6 cents but could be 3 cents depending on houses completed that are currently pending before April 1st.

Alison Low spoke of the need to explain to voters.

Janice Ouellette discussed adjustments and findings in 2023 and items that should not be there.

Glenn Herrin inquired about where they were with General funds, do they have \$500,000.

Michelle Leclerc noted they do not have those funds.

Alison Low thinks it looks good.

Michelle Leclerc spoke of \$5,000 for pound, noting it was a retainer to be available for ACO to bring dogs there and use the facility.

Alison Low inquired about what happens to the retainer.

Eric Bach noted they just keep it.

Alison Low thought it should be carried over from year to year.

Janice Ouellette suggested negotiating a discount.

Michelle Leclerc noted Humane Society in central VT does not charge that much.

Barre/Montpelier area, leaving off budget, negotiating something better and absorbing cost discussed.

Consensus to leave \$5,000 off.

*Motion by Glenn Herrin, 2nd by Eric Bach to authorize General Fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$905,932.92 of which \$845,721.45 should be raised by taxes and \$60,211.47 by non-tax revenue.
Vote 4-0-0. Motion carries.*

- (b) **Town Meeting Warning** – PowerPoint Presentation discussed.

Michelle Leclerc noted appropriations in Town Report shows why they are requesting monies so that is why wording in warning has been shorten.

*Motion by Eric Bach, 2nd by Glenn Herrin to approve Town Meeting Warning as presented. Vote 4-0-0.
Motion carries.*

- (c) **Pre Town-Meeting Information** – Alison Low suggested to present PowerPoint presentation at their next meeting on February 6 for practice (source of increase, discussion questions, repeal of charter, tennis courts, and law enforcement).

Janice Ouellette discussed tax delinquency and who gets money first: school, highway, town.

Alison Low noted it was also based on existing Grand List.

Saturday's meeting time discussed.

Consensus to hold Saturday Pre-Town Meeting with food served at 12:30 and meeting start at 1:00 pm.

- (d) **BCG (Better Connections Grant)**

Noted was Janice Ouellette and Alison Low had pre-application interview and decided they are not applying for BCG due to high level planning which could take another two years.

MPG – Alison Low noted webinar is next week and she will dust off old application as scores were not terrible, they just needed more public outreach and engagement.

Janice Ouellette noted if they do not get grant, they may need to take money out of Capital Project Reserve to get plans done.

Alison Low suggested waiting for Fitzgerald Services.

- 2. Adjourn** – *Motion by Alison Low to adjourn at 5:41 pm.*

Minutes taken by Audrey DeProspero submitted January 24, 2025 at 10:50 am.