

Town of Danville
Selectboard Minutes
Public Informational Pre-Town Meeting & Public Hearing
February 8, 2025
Danville Town Hall (12:30 lunch/1:00 meeting)

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

Board Members Absent: Peter Griffin

Others Present: Audrey DeProspero, Barbara H. Fontaine, Gary G. Fontaine, Tom Ziobrowski, Chris Burns, Scott Burns, Eric Schafer, Matt Foster, Julia Rapczynski, Ellen Gold, Jeff Gold and Diana Moore, Tim Sanborn, Clayton Cargill and Sarah Welch

Others Present Using Teams: Kay Freedy and Ginny Lavelly

Meeting called to order by Janice Ouellette at 1:00 pm.

- 1. Public Informational Meeting Budget Hearing – SCHOOL –** Clayton Cargill spoke on school information.
- 2. Public Information Meeting Budget Hearing – TOWN –** Janice Ouellette discussed open positions: Peter Griffin not running, three-year seat open which Alison Low is running for, and 2 one-year terms open which both Glenn Herrin and Matt Choate are running for each of the one-year terms.

Alison Low discussed running for 3-year seat, she wants to help with the completion of the sidewalk infrastructure, parking lot at Town Hall, Dog Park and community speeding.

Glenn Herrin discussed finishing up his second one-year term. He has lived in VT since 2015.

Other Open positions: Janice Ouellette discussed: Matt Choate submitted his bio which is on the Danville website, Lister three year term, Tim Ide is re-running and Delinquent Tax Collector, Ed Lido is re-running.

General Fund taxes up \$198,822, reasons discussed and Highway taxes up \$604 and reasons discussed.

Glenn Herrin discussed property tax (budget/rates and bills).

Alison Low discussed Train Station's multi-year endeavor and the removal of expenditure and revenues from General budget per suggestion of auditor.

Eric Bach discussed Special Article (tennis courts on school grounds) for \$20,000.

Alison Low discussed Special Article (speeding) to hire or contract additional police officer or sheriff coverage (\$81,860 – 40 hours year-round).

Eric Bach discussed Reserve Funding Capital Project Fund Special Article to cover deficit (\$132,657) in Highway fund and the Special Appropriations from organizations.

Glenn Herrin discussed Historical Perspective of budget.

- 3. Public Hearing - Charter Change –** Opened at 2:52 pm
Glenn Herrin discussed needing to notice more than 30 days in advance of the vote and being at 28 days. The repeal enables people to have floor vote debates such as budget numbers by floor vote, it does not change how we vote, just the ability of how we vote. We would continue as Austrian Ballot.

Closed at 2:58 pm

- 4. Any Other Business that legally comes before the meeting –** none.
- 5. Adjourn –** 3:00 pm.

Minutes taken by Audrey DeProspero submitted February 10, 2025 at 12:20 pm.