# Town of Danville Selectboard Minutes Public Informational Pre-Town Meeting & Public Hearing March 3, 2025 North Danville Community Building (7:00 pm)

Board Members Present: Janice Ouellette, Eric Bach, Peter Griffin and Glenn Herrin

Board Members Absent: Alison Low

**Others Present:** Audrey DeProspero, Michelle Leclerc, Donna Somers, Tom Ziobrowski, Dianne Langmaid, Matthew Choate, Tom Ziobrowski, Marvin Withers, Keith Gadapee, David Towle, Eric Hewitt, Clayton Cargill, Mary Beatte, Linda Camato, Mike Boudreau, Kelly Sinclair, Lee Beattie, Kay Freedy, Deb Marrier, Marge St. Marie, Dan Ouellette and Greg Prior

Meeting called to order by Selectboard Chair Janice Ouellette at 7:07 pm.

## 1. Public Informational Meeting Budget Hearing - SCHOOL

School discussed open seats, people running and warning.

School discussion finished at 8:16 pm

# 2. Public Information Meeting Budget Hearing – TOWN

Opened at 8:20 pm

#### Discussion ensued on

### Open positions:

Moderator – Toby Balivet running for 1 year term.

Selectboard – 3 year – Alison Low running for three-year term. She was unable to attend this evening.

Selectboard - one year - Glenn Herrin running for one year term. Glenn Herrin discussed his background.

Selectboard – one year – Matt Choate running for one year term. Matt Choate discussed his background.

Lister – 3 year – Tim Ide running for three-year term.

Delinquent Tax Collector – Ed Ledo running for one year term.

#### Warning items:

Janice Ouellette discussed General Fund taxes up \$198,822 and unaudited deficit of \$149,905.

There were questions and answers on items.

Highway increase discussed, surplus amount, stabilization of taxes and additional equipment purchase.

Glenn Herrin discussed property tax breakdown.

Janice Ouellette discussed Train Station not budgeting in general fund, a suggestion of the new auditing firm to put in a separate fund.

Eric Bach discussed Special Article-Tennis Courts being owned by town and their need of attention.

Glenn Herrin discussed Special Article-Speeding and seeing how people felt about expending additional money to hir or contract for additional police or sheriff coverage.

Eric Bach discussed Reserve Fund.

Community Appropriations discussed.

Glenn Herrin discussed Historical Perspective (inflation and adjustment)

3. Public Hearing - Charter Change: Shall the town voters (Australian ballot) propose the General Assembly repeal its charter, 24 App. V.S.A. ch. 114, § 101: Annual and special meetings. All annual and special meetings of the Town of Danville shall be called and warned in the manner provided by the laws of the State. All voting on the Town budget and the highway budget at all annual and special meetings shall be by Australian ballot?

Public Hearing opened at 9:30 pm.

Glenn Herrin discussed state law, holding Australian ballot on General and Highway budgets, not needing charter because they already do and will continue to do. It is a law that they do not need so they want to get rid of it. Ask legislature to repeal to get off books and next year Danville will continue to do the same. If town votes and it passes, town will submit to legislature.

Discussion ensued.

Public Hearing closed at 9:37 pm.

# 4. Any Other Business that legally comes before the meeting

Tom Ziobrowski inquired about payment of tax due date.

Michelle Leclerc discussed HS122 and lessening complication of due dates.

**5. Adjourn –** 9:39 pm.

Minutes taken by Audrey DeProspero submitted March 5, 2025 at 12:50 pm.