

Town of Danville
Selectboard Minutes
February 28, 2022
Danville Town Hall (6:00 pm)

Board Members Present Using Microsoft Teams: Eric Bach, Kellie Merrell, Kristin Franson and Peter Griffin

Board Members Present: Ken Linsley

Others Present Using Microsoft Teams: Craig Morris, Bruce Melendy, Janice Ouellette, Megan Williams, Clayton Cargill, Maryellen Griffin, Lance Horne, Debby Marriera, KATV, Molly Gleason, Sharon Daniell, Robert Edgar and Sarah Welch

Others Present: Audrey DeProspero, Thomas Ziobrowski and Alison Despathy

Meeting was called to order by Tom Ziobrowski at 7:00 pm.

1. Public Informational Pre Town-Meeting - Town:

Tom Ziobrowski discussed voting by Australian Ballot on Town Meeting Day, how the public meeting would be run, where to find details for voting, other helpful Town Meeting information that is on the Town's website (home page), and the location of Warned Articles, total budget, and revenues within the Town Report.

2. Introduction of Candidates for Town Office:

Tom Ziobrowski noted the list of candidates for office could be found on page 10 of the Town Report.

Moderator - 1 year:

Tom Ziobrowski discussed running for the Town Moderator position. He moved to Danville from Pennsylvania in 1978 and has attended most Town meetings. He lives with his wife and two cats.

Selectboard – 3 years:

Peter Griffin discussed running for re-election to Selectboard. Last year he was on Selectboard for one year and would like to run for the three-year term. He lives on Hawkins Road with his wife, Maryellen and two sons, Waverly and Henry. He moved to Danville in 2010 and works with VT legislature. He is an attorney who works with other attorneys to draft legislation. He has learned a ton of municipal law last year and someone had suggested he run for Selectboard and got on the Selectboard and thought it was a great experience so he wants to continue and be on for three years.

Craig Morris discussed living in Danville with his wife and son and participating in the Selectboard meeting for the last three years. He is running to get younger people more involved with the Town. He wants more people to be involved in Town government and has experience with highway crew and work.

Selectboard – 1 year:

Alison Despathy discussed current candidate for one year term; living on Coles Pond; having a Masters Degree in Human Nutrition; taught local welfare classes, if elected will fight for constitutional rights; believes in community involvement, the rights of people, and transparency; and standing up for rights of individual.

Kellie Merrell discussed moving to Danville with her husband in 1999; reading the book, 'The Good Life'; both her and her husband pursued the dream of homesteading; global news struggles; coming together; informing individuals with postings on Front Porch Forum; being on the Selectboard for six years; and running this year because of ARPA funds to assist with where the funds can be used, getting public input and using her years of experience from being on the Selectboard to help maximize the use of the funds.

Janice Ouellette discussed running for the one year term; living in West Danville with her husband and dog (bottom of Kittridge Road); meeting lots of people while walking and biking on the Rail Trail; growing up in Danville; moving away for fifteen years for school and work and then returning to raise kids in a small community setting; varied work experience: para educator, administrative assistant, business manager, working on budgets, financial management of federal grants and volunteering throughout the community.

Tom Ziobrowski discussed Tim Ide running for Lister - three years and Ed Ledo running for Delinquent Tax Collector – one year.

3. Any Other business that is legally permitted to come before the meeting - none

4. Adjourn – 7:23 pm.

5. Public Informational Pre Town-Meeting – School Board

Tom Ziobrowski discussed school information could be found on page 74 of the Town Report, page 86 has expenditures and page 82 has revenues.

Sarah Welch discussed 4 cent decrease in the tax impact for this coming year; some of the tuition is brought in from other towns for student tuition; surplus from last year's budget used for bleachers and the floor has been refinished and repainted; they have rebuilt the wood chip plant which is now their primary heat source; the yield rate a bit higher; and the common level of appraisal decreased about 5%.

6. Introduction of Candidates for School Board Offices

3-year term

Clayton Cargill discussed running unopposed.

2-year term

Molly Gleason discussed living in West Danville with her husband Adam and two kids who are in the fifth grade and second grade; husband is from Danville and she is from Maine; Danville is a small nit community and they enjoy living here; Danville is similar to where she grew up; she volunteers at school; enjoys getting to know the teachers and the kids; pandemic made it difficult for kids in school and she is very happy how the teachers have handled the pandemic; her background is in budgeting and financial management; and she is a skilled listener and brings people together for common good.

Lance Horne discussed being a write in candidate for the one year term; growing up in Danville; transferring to the Academy in his senior year; working in RI, MA and NH; background in fundraising for nonprofits, finance, strategy and account management and budgeting; working for a profit company, settling down in Danville with wife and four children; involved with what they are learning in school; working from home as his company is based in Tulsa, OK; and having experience with budgets, team building, working with various folks and political parties, and conflict resolution.

Tom Ziobrowski recognized Bruce Melendy and Robert Edgar for their years on the school board.

7. Any other business that is legally permitted to come before the meeting - none.

8. Adjourn – 7:44 pm.

Minutes taken by Audrey DeProspero submitted March 1, 2022 at 12:23 pm.