

TOWN OF GRANVILLE  
SELECTBOARD MEETING  
January 7, 2019

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Call to order: 5:30 PM

In Attendance:

Selectboard Members Bruce Hyde/Chairman, Richard Poole and Jim Dague  
Roger Stauss of Corner Resource Center and Granville Conservation Committee, Cheryl  
Sargeant/Cemetery Commission, Nancy Demers/Assistant to Town Clerk & Treasurer, Kathy  
Werner/Town Clerk & Treasurer, Mark Belisle/Constable  
Public: Gene Hammond, Shawn and Marilyn Doughrity and GVFD Fire Chief Dan Sargeant

***Approved as Amended***

1. Public Communications and Comments

2. Amend/Approve Agenda

Jim requested to move two line items related to VMERS from Financial to under New Business. The topic of Security System was added under New Business. The topic Summer Roads was added under Roads.

3. Financial

- Review Monthly Financial Reports- discussed tracking of education taxes. A line item for miscellaneous reimbursement was discussed.
- Approve Warrants for Payment – All warrants were paid. There was some discussion over the invoice for sanding on Handly Road. Bruce will follow up with contractor.
- Discuss Draft Budget Proposal FY2019/20 – Jim submitted a draft budget proposal for highway. Jim would like the three pages submitted published in the Town Report. After reviewing the highway budget, Richard made the motion to approve the proposed budget of \$200,400 for roads. The motion was seconded by Jim. All were in favor with none opposed. ~~Other topics that came up: last sand purchase was of poor quality that was mixed with clay. This is causing a problem with freezing blocks of sand.~~ More sand needs to be purchased for this winter ~~and of a better quality~~, as we don't have enough to get through the winter, or the town will need to pay for heavy equipment to break up the clumps. Discussed the emergency call for road sanding during a response to a fire on Post Office Hill Road and the accidental breakage of a dry hydrant during the response.
- The proposed municipal budget was reviewed. Dan submitted annual budget request for fire and emergency response services. Dan reviewed the proposal with the board. The topic of quarterly reports from GVFD to the Town of Granville as outlined in the contract agreement, was discussed. Dan requested the board make their requests for the quarterly financial reports through Victoria Crowne, the town's liaison to the FD. Victoria also takes the minutes for the FD and can provide copies of those to the town. The municipal budget will be approved at the next meeting.

4. Approve Minutes

- December 10 Minutes – Bruce moved to accept the minutes. Richard seconded. All were in favor.

5. New Business

- FY 2017 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program Agreement # 02140-31233-004 – Jim moved to approve signing the grant application which was seconded by Richard. All were in favor with none opposed. Mark Belisle was designated to take the lead on this grant. Mark was also designated to follow up on the Annual Hazard Waste Report to the State.
- Mutual Aid/First Response Discussion – Dan provided copies of mutual agreements for town records. Bruce discussed with Dan the feasibility to merge with the Hancock FD.

- Discuss Vermont Municipal Retirement System-Procedure for Becoming a Participating Entity – Tabled until after Town Meeting.
- Set date of effective membership with VMERS and select Group plan (Group A, B, C or D) – Tabled until after Town Meeting.
- Security System - Bruce reported there was a case of vandalism to a car a few weeks ago while parked at the Town Hall and he is asking the board to consider installing security cameras in and around the Town Hall and Town Office. Three estimates were submitted. After consideration Bruce made the motion to contract with Small networking Assistant for \$2089.98. Motion was seconded by Richard. All were in favor with none opposed.

#### 6. Roads

- 2019 Certificate of Highway Mileage – The certificate was signed.
- Summer Roads – Bruce reported the contract with Harvey's for grading and ditch cleaning has expired. The board discussed options to put out to bid or do a case by case as needed hiring to do the work. Jim stated that he and the interim Road Commissioner will oversee contractors to do the work when needed and should not put the work out to bid as a term contract.

#### 7. Report from Constable

Mark reported as buildings manager that he has talked with an electrician to install three motion sensor lighting outside the building.

#### 8. Old Business

- Town Report – A cover photo is still being sought. Committee and other boards reports have yet to be submitted but expect to receive them soon.

#### 9. Executive Session

Session was not held.

#### 10. Public Communication and Comments

Nancy asked for an update on ECFiber. Richard reported possible hook up starting in February.

Bruce reporting there will be a preliminary meeting with the engineer and a selectboard member for locating sites for boring on West Hill Road tomorrow. The actual boring will take place near the end of January. The work will be done over a two day period and will require closing of the road a few hours during the day. Jim volunteered to meet with the engineer.

#### 11. Items for Next Agenda

#### 12. Adjourn

Jim moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm. Motion was seconded. All were in favor with none opposed.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Kathy Werner  
Town Clerk/Treasurer