

GRANVILLE SELECTBOARD MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
Approved Minutes

Public present: Gene and Jackie Hammond, Chris Creighton, Dan Sargeant-Fire Chief, Cathy Gibbs, Michael Cunningham, Fred Manzanares, Kathy Gibbs, Marcia Mayo.

Call to order: 6:03

Hear any Public Comments and Communications- Chris Creighton commended the town on the new website.

Old Business:

Town Highways –

Culvert Grant Close Out & Plowing Contracts- Charlie Smith completed the Culvert on North Hollow Rd. The project ran over. We will challenge the overage of recommended concrete. In the mean time we will amend the amount to Mascoma bank to include our 10% of the Grant and replenish upon receipt of funds.

Plowing contracts- ECS has the plowing contract. Cheryl Sargeant moved to accept and sign the contract. Michele Brown 2nd. All in Favor.

The storage container at Joseph Loprete's house. He has moved the container out of the Town's right of way. Anyone needing to use the town's right of way including Green Crow can now access that area.

Discuss & Approve Culvert Project on North Hollow Road- Near Guy Christie's house- The Culvert is collapsing and needs replacement. We are in contact with District 4- for a grant for \$8500. We are not sure we can get one soon. This culvert can't wait until winter starts. –Discussion was to take money from account 52060 for Road Upgrades/Culverts. Charlie Needham-Road Commissioner put out for 3 bids and only got one for this job during a very busy FEMA time. Victoria Crowne suggested to have 3 more contractors bid now that FEMA work is slower. Victoria Crowne moved to table this culvert project until Charlie Needham can get 3 new bids. 2nd by Michele Brown- All in favor.

Discuss Safety on Buffalo Farm Road Trail Section- our barriers have been moved and it is our concern. Marcia Mayo, Cathy Gibbs and Fred Manzanares, spoke about the lack of vision of the road close signs. They have been cleaning up the trash people have been dumping and are also concerned about the people who have been driving up there.

Fred Manzanares, as a tax payer, requested that we consider paving the last part of the road before the barriers. Cheryl Sargeant reported to them that we have permanent plans for better road closure but we are waiting on FEMA.

Christine Creighton suggested a sign “Dead End” or “No Outlet” signs instead of Road Closed. People don’t appear to respect “Road Closed”

Gene Hammond said that companies such as Mapquest, TomTom and even VTRANS all show that the road is still open. Cheryl Sargeant reminded the townspeople that the request to the state to change our maps that would put Buffalo Farm Road as a trail was submitted in January this year. We are just waiting for our Maps to be changed. Gene Hammond will continue his quest to have some of the driving direction company’s change their software.

We will have the Road Commissioner put signs back up and more visible and Cheryl Sargeant will look into Dead End signs.

Update on Kennedy Road VYCC Project- it has been delayed until the first week of October.

Discuss HMGP Buy-Out Grant in East Granville- has been approved. Janet Lumbra will be bought out soon. Once we receive the grant money we can start the process.

Discuss Property Transfer of “Aiken” Property- We understand as a selectboard that we cannot collect 15% above the expense for that property.

Financial Management

Approve Selectmen’s Orders-Michele Brown moved to accept as written. Cheryl Sargeant 2nd All in favor.

Approve Financial Statements Michele Brown- moved to accept as written. Cheryl Sargeant 2nd. All in Favor.

Update on Year End Audit-

Kathy Werner asked why we chose a review instead of a full audit each year. Cheryl stated what VLCT and the Secretary of the State said to do for compliance. The state said that we had a full audit last year and we could do reviews going forward for a time. A full audit is done for a change in treasurer, for grant programs that ask for it, any question of misappropriation of funds and/or every 8-10 years.

Discuss Funding Grant Projects in the Future- Kathy Werner is suggesting the selectboard allow the town Treasurer to apply for short term loans for grant purposes on a project to project basis. Michele Brown moves to approve the new Grant Rule. Cheryl Sargeant 2nd All in favor

Victoria Crowne moves to approve the treasurer to apply for a short term loan of 70,000 for the culvert project on North Hollow in lieu of grant funds to be received from the state of Vermont. Michele Brown 2nd. All in Favor

FEMA line of credit for alternate projects of \$220,000 that was tabled from our last meeting. The selectboard signed and approved that loan today.

New Business

Fire Department- Dan Sargeant has formed a budget committee in the fire department and is extending an invitation to the selectboard and to the public to join the committee. He also wanted to know if there was a limit to how many pages they can have in the town report. He is requesting 2 extra pages for explanation of donations and appropriation of monies for transparent reasons to the town.

Emergency Services Meeting in Rochester September 10th at 6:30 pm- we are set up with first response so it is optional for us to go. Danial Sargeant is going to extend support for Hancock and Rochester.

Approve Meeting Minutes- Michele Brown moves to approve the meeting minutes as written. Cheryl Sargeant 2nd. All in Favor.

Adjournment: 7:49pm Michele Brown moved to adjourn. Victoria Crowne 2nd. All in Favor.

Respectfully submitted by Victoria Crowne