

# **GRANVILLE SELECTBOARD MEETING**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014**

**Approved**

**Public present:** Gene and Jackie Hammond; Charlie Needham, Road Commissioner; Danial Sargeant, Fire Chief; Sean Linsky; Mike Eramo; Charles Smith, ECS Excavating & Landscaping, LLC; Norman Arseneault, FEMA Administrator; Vivian Valtri Burgess; Michele Brown, Selectboard and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Selectboard Chair

**Call To order: 6:00p.m.**

## **Hear any Public Comments and Communications:**

Vivian Valtri Burgess asked what the procedure was to open a shelter when the power goes out. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that individuals in need of a warm shelter that they contact Mark Belisle, Emergency Coordinator and/or Dan Sargeant, Fire Chief who will then coordinate with the Selectboard if a shelter is needed.

Sean Linsky advised the Selectboard that he cleared trees and brush along West Hill and West Hill Extension during the recent storm. The Selectboard thanked Sean for all of his efforts.

The topic of snowplowing came up and how it is not being done to everyone's satisfaction. Charles Smith addressed their concerns and will do better but we have to understand that it was a very difficult storm and there is still work to do. The Selectboard granted the continued clean up, brush and tree chipping and the use of a grader to help push snowbanks back and to get the roads wider. If you have any problems with trees in or across the town highways call Charles Smith to remove them.

## **Old Business**

**Discuss Design Phase Contract for CDBG Grant** - Cheryl Sargeant made the motion to approve the contract with DuBois & King, Inc. as written and Michelle Brown seconded. All in favor.

**Discuss Bagley Barn Trail Addition on West Hill Extension** – Norman Arseneault, Ancient Roads Committee requested that a 0.32 mile section of the Bagley Barn Trail which is a short cut at the maple tree to C.R. Bagley's Barn is observable, requires no maintenance of the Town, is within the US Forest Service lands and almost to the Patterson Brook Trail. It also includes 2 points of interest Luther Robinson homestead and the C.R. Bagley farm and it would be nice to be able to place historic markers. Sean Linsky spoke about the potential recreational benefits. The addition to the highway mileage map can be easily done by the Vermont Agency of Transportation during the updates coming up and before the deadline for ancient roads to be recognized. Michelle Brown made the motion to accept the addition of the Bagley Barn Trail to the town highway mileage map and Cheryl L. Sargeant seconded. All in favor.

**Discuss FEMA Alternate Projects Time Extension** – Norman Arseneault, FEMA Administrator advised the Selectboard to request a time extension from September 1, 2015 to December 31, 2016 along with asking for the 75% advanced funds of \$450,000.00 so that the Town can begin incurring costs. Also, to seek the Line of Credit which has already been done and is waiting to be used. The money shall be deposited into a non-interest bearing account. Douglas Newton is willing to continue with the survey and design phase but will not be able to help with the construction phase. He will make recommendations for consultants to help with that. Chase & Chase is willing to update their field survey work Norm will get an updated quote for our next meeting. Michelle Brown made the motion to have Cheryl draft a letter to FEMA,

have Douglas Newton continue and to have Chase & Chase perform the field survey and Cheryl L. Sargeant seconded. All in favor.

### **Financial Management**

**Approve Selectmen's Orders-** Cheryl L. Sargeant made the motion to approve the Orders as written and Michelle Brown seconded. All in favor.

**Discuss Proposed Budget Draft #2** – After review Michelle Brown made the motion to accept the proposed 2015/2016 Town Budget and Cheryl L. Sargeant seconded. All in favor.

**Discuss Selectboard Report Draft #2** – After review an edit was noted for Cheryl to make for the next meeting.

### **New Business**

**Discuss Permits for Residential and Commercial Properties** – After discussion it was noted that in the future when the Town Clerk is asked about building permits that she advise property owners and/or contractors to contact the State of Vermont Division of Drinking & Waste Water along with the State Fire Marshall's Office. This will hopefully prevent construction and renovation problems in the future.

**Discuss E-911 Addresses** – Mark Belisle, E-911 Coordinator will be looking into enforcing the use of house numbers on mailboxes, end of driveways and/or houses or camps. This will better assist emergency personnel in locating a property when an emergency arises.

Mark Belisle informed the Selectboard that he is now a member of the Vermont Highway Safety Alliance which is a part of the Governor's Highway Safety Commission.

**Adjourn 7:10pm**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Cheryl L. Sargeant**