

Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2019

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In attendance:

Bruce Hyde, Chair, Richard Poole and James Dague; Selectboard, Norman Arseneault, Tree Warden, Nancy Demers, Assistant Town Clerk and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Clerk

Public: Michelle Newton, G & N Excavating, Shawn & Marilyn Dougherty, Chris Bump, Vtrans; Ronald Millard, The Corner School Resource Center, Thomas & Jackie Hammond

Call to Order: 5:30 p.m.

Public Communication:

- Shawn asked about the Open Meeting Law Training and if other Town officials would be invited to attend. Bruce said that an e-mail was sent out to all of the boards and commissions, other towns and will be printed in the newspaper in hopes that they will attend. The only other recourse is to take down the Town website. The training is September 18th at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Amend/Approve Agenda:

- Remove the topic of Renew the Village Designation for the Upper and Lower Villages as the State has given us an extension to 2022 and every 8 years thereafter.

Financial Reports:

- Open Bids for FEMA Project West Hill Slide DR#4330 received 4 bids: Avery \$145,732.00; G & N \$87,733.00; Harvey's Plumbing & Excavating \$80,171.20 and Blue Mountain \$101,300.00. After further discussion with Chris Bump of Vtrans Jim moved to award the bid to Harvey's Plumbing & Excavating and Richard seconded. All those in favor.
- Orders were approved as written. Jim requested detailed pay stubs and requests.

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Financial Reports: (continued)

- Financial Statements were approved as written. Shawn asked if salaries were paid ahead or if paid for time, the payment to the Vermont Municipal Employees Retirement System (VMERS) if that was made and where the money was coming from. Bruce will look into further with the Treasurer.
- Sullivan & Powers meeting requested audit be done sooner and they suggested the Town have an audit performed next year and a contingency fund so we will not have to borrow money. The Selectboard will look into possibly going back to having Town Auditors during the budget process.
- Treasurer's Report was approved as written.

Minutes:

- August 8, 2019 Minutes Jim made the motion to accept the minutes as posted and Richard seconded. All those in favor.

New Business:

- Website Manager Resignation Bruce will work with Diane Eramo to develop an instruction manual, job description and provide training for her replacement.
- Town Assessor, Stephen Twombly has resigned and he has recommended that the person working with him become his replacement. The Selectboard will discuss further at its October meeting.
- School bus parking during inclement weather at the Town Hall. Jim moved to accept the request and Richard seconded. All those in favor.
- Gene's Road parking area Bruce asked the contractor working on Post Office Hill Road to dump enough of the extra fill being removed to finish the project. Norm asked that they stay within the approved project area and the Selectboard notify the Agency of Natural Resources when the project is finished.

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Roads:

- FEMA Post Office Hill Culvert the road is closed to thru traffic, the old culvert is out, and the power and telephone will be shut off on September 17th and the project is moving right along.
- FEMA West Hill Slide Bruce will notify Harvey's of the award and inform them that we are awaiting the go ahead from FEMA as we are still in a 60 day hold. Norm will notify the State of the award.
- Calcium Chloride Tank has been removed and Bruce spoke with Gorman Group and they will not be reimbursing the Town. They would be willing to come and spray our roads in the future.
- Jim reports that the Town's gravel usage report indicates that we were shorted 230 yards of gravel and he would like to order another 2,000 yards.
- Received the culvert grant on North Hollow Road and would like to get that in this fall. Grading of Maston Hill from Clampitt's to the beaver pond, intersections at Town Line Road, Butz Road and North Hollow Road just waiting for gravel to be made.
- Jim would like to see the Town continue making the "Good Neighbor" payments to the Towns of Warren and Hancock. Will look into it further with Treasurer.

Old Business:

- ECFiber update at the Town Hall has been completed and working. They just have to finish the separate line for the security system.
- Tree Warden update Norm is holding an informational meeting on September 28th from 10:00 a.m. Til 11:00 a.m. At the Town Hall for the Dangerous Trees along North Hollow Road. So far he has received good feedback. He is also working on updating the Policy for the Town Green in regards to parking near the trees due to the trees getting larger.

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Old Business: (continued)

- Corner School update Ron reports that Charter Day was a success and wishes to thank the Town and the many volunteers. They have also restored the school desks, teacher's desk and the subfloor is in. He also reports that within 2 weeks there should be an announcement regarding the receipt of 2 grants and he left a summary report for the Town's files.
- Steeple update we are awaiting the inspection of the steeple.
- Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) the Town is awaiting to hear from Two Rivers Ottawaquechee Regional Commission (TRORC).
- DRAFT Town Plan TRORC has made changes for the Selectboard and Planning Commission to review. The Selectboard will hold a public hearing and make a decision at that time.
- Open Meeting Law training is scheduled for September 18th at 6:00 p.m. At the Town Hall.
- Town Plan update the final edits were sent to TRORC requesting the subdivision language be taken out and to put in that the Town supports small residential solar projects. Bruce spoke with the Planning Commission and they support the changes. Bruce will double check to make sure the final DRAFT is posted. The Selectboard will hold a public hearing and will schedule at our October meeting.

Public Communication and Comments:

- None presented.

Next meeting will be October 9, 2019.

Richard made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. And Jim seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl L. Sargeant