

TOWN OF GRANVILLE

Select board meeting

June 1, 2015

In Attendance:

Select board members: Cheryl Sargeant/Chair; Michele Brown; Sean Linskey

Road Commissioner: Kevin Bagley

Assistant Town Clerk: Nancy Demers

FEMA Liaison: Norm Arsenault

Public: Diane Eramo; Fritz & Vivian Branschofsky; Victoria Crowne; Jim Dague; Lyndsay Sargeant

Call to Order: 6:00 pm **APPROVED**

Public Communications and Comments:

Jim Dague commented on the recent paving on Vermont Route 100. The paving has caused the intersection with North Hollow road to be greatly uneven. Jim requested adding gravel onto the town's portion so as to elevate the town road to meet the intersecting highway. Jim also requested that the town have our lawn care contractor trim around the power poles on town property .

Old Business:

There was a discussion over how to clean-up downed trees in the town's right-of-way. Road Commissioner Kevin Bagley will talk to Brian Sargeant for an estimate. The select board gave the Road Commissioner permission to hire a contractor to sweep sand off paved town highways and bridges. Kevin also reported the need to replace or reset the existing culvert on Rob Fords Meadow Rd. The existing culvert has heaved due to frost. **Sean Linskey motioned to allow the Road Commissioner to replace or reset the culvert as necessary on Rob Ford Meadow Rd. Motion was seconded by Michele. All in favor with none opposed.**

This year's recent spring thaw left some problem areas with mud on North Hollow Road. Kevin Bagley suggested adding gravel to the site near the Peterson homestead. **Sean Linskey moved to allow the Road Commissioner purchase six loads of gravel to be used on the North Hollow Road. Motion was seconded by Michele Brown. All in favor with none opposed.**

Alternate Project closure of Buffalo Farm Road and the proposed engineers draft plan was discussed. At the last board meeting Diane Eramo presented a letter signed by town residents requesting installing gates to replace the two proposed guard rails so to allow GMP access to power lines. It was also requested that the exiting culverts remain in place instead of the proposed water bars. After a discussion between the public, the Road Commissioner, FEMA Liaison Norm Arseneault and Select board members a decision was made. **Cheryl Sargeant made the motion to replace the lower guardrail with a gate and to keep the guardrail at the top of the road as designed. To move the current cement blocks already at the site to the slide three area, to not change the water bars as designed and keep the one culvert currently located at slide three in place. The motion was seconded by Michele Brown. All in favor with none opposed.** Cheryl will ask the engineer to incorporate the changes into the design.

On another subject, the Road Commissioner asked to revisit a previous suggestion to install a guard rail on West Hill Road where the gabions are. The estimated cost would be about \$20,000. The discussion Tabled until the next meeting.

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Financial Management:

Michele Brown motioned to accept the Orders. Motion was seconded. by Sean Linskey. All in favor with none opposed.

The board reviewed the minutes from May 18th. **Michele Brown moved to accept the minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Sean Linskey. All in favor with none opposed.**

The Chair suggested holding a Special Town Meeting to vote on an article asking the voters if they would approve setting a 3:00 pm dead line for making tax installments and if they would approve to direct the tax collector to no longer accept postmarked payments as timely. It was suggested the Special Town Meeting be held in July to allow any changes to take effect this year. Cheryl Sargeant is also looking into the feasibility to make tax payments online through the town website.

It was also discussed to hold an informal meeting with the Fire Department to discuss and review edits to the proposed contact agreements between the town and the Granville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. It was agreed to have the meeting on a given Thursday with a specific date yet to be determined.

It was noted a change to the Procurement Policy was needed. The proposal is to omit the line stating gravel must be purchased from Granville Manufacturing.

Sean Linskey stated his desire to be able review the bi-monthly Select board Agenda by all select board members prior to releasing to the public. **Sean made the motion for the Chair to email Agendas to the other Select board members for review before sending to the public. Motion was seconded by Michele Brown. All in favor with none opposed.**

Michele Brown motioned to approve this year's contract with Sullivan and Powers (auditing firm). Motion was seconded by Sean Linskey. All in favor with none opposed.

Cheryl Sargeant motioned to adjourn at 8:50 pm. Motion was seconded by Sean Linskey. All in favor with none opposed

Respectfully Submitted By:

Kathy Werner

Town Clerk/Treasurer