

TOWN OF GRANVILLE

Select Board meeting Minutes

January 18, 2016

In Attendance:

Select Board: Cheryl Sargeant/Chair; Michele Brown and Sean Linskey

Constable: Mark Belisle

Road Commissioner: Kevin Bagley

Town Liaison with GVFD: Victoria Crowne

GVFD Audit Committee: Norm Arseneault and Roger Stauss/Town Moderator

Public: Joe and Megan Emenheiser; Pat and Dave Harvey of Xcav8, LLC

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Subject to Approval

Public Communication and Comment

Dave Harvey submitted a copy of his "Grain Size Distribution Test Data" gravel report for Town files. This is the same gravel that is being used on West Hill Road. The tested gravel meets State specifications. The report will be added to the FEMA Alternate Project West Hill Road file.

Old Business

A letter was submitted from residents Joe and Megan Emenheiser describing issues they are having with traffic on Genes Road. Currently the road is classified as a class 4 road. Another concern they had was in regard to the two trails belonging to the town that run across the property. The letter they submitted requested the road and trails be discontinued. There was a discussion with the board and the matter will be further addressed at the next meeting.

The signing of the Annual Highway Certification was tabled.

Cheryl reported she had contacted the bank that now owns the property on Buffalo Farm Road also referred to as the "Green House". The bank said they have a cleanup crew coming to remove the trash pile.

FEMA Buy-Out forms for the Janet Lumbra property were reviewed and finalized. The next step will be to hire an attorney to close on the property. Sean moved to allow Cheryl to hire a title attorney which was seconded by Michele. All were in favor with none opposed.

Financial Management

Proposed edits to the General Agreement contract with the Granville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. was reviewed and discussed. Roger, Norm and Victoria attended the last FD meeting to go over the contract with them. Michele moved to accept the Agreement with the revised wording dated January 18, 2016. Motion was seconded by Sean. All were in favor with none opposed. The contract with the approved revisions will be sent to the Town Attorney for a final draft.

Michele moved to accept all pay orders and financial reports, which was seconded by Sean. All were in favor with none opposed.

Cheryl moved to accept the minutes from January 4th, which was seconded by Michele. All were in favor with none opposed.

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Continued:

The board received a request to sign on the "Rutland Town Resolution as an opportunity for towns to have local control over large scale wind and solar projects. This resolution hopes to give power and control back to the local community, so towns & cities can make the best possible choices for their communities. This resolution includes siting requirements so we can protect our natural resources and safety of our citizens". Sean moved to accept the Resolution which was seconded by Michele. All were in favor with none opposed. Cheryl submitted a final draft proposed 2016/17 Municipal and Highway Budget. The proposed Highway Budget was reviewed with the Road Commissioner. Michele moved to approve the 2016/17 proposed budget of \$360,787. Motion was seconded by Sean. All were in favor with none opposed. The 2016 Annual Town Warning was reviewed with the Town Moderator, Roger Stauss. Michele moved to approve the Warning which was seconded by Sean. All were in favor with none opposed. The Town Treasurer questioned the wording on the article for charging interest on installments. Roger said he will contact the VLCT Attorney for clarification.

New Business

The Town Clerk reported she is looking for a solution for mail delivery to the Town with the Granville Post Office closing. There was a discussion over types of mail boxes with a preference for a locked mail box. Cheryl moved to give the Town Clerk of an allowance up to \$80.00 to purchase a new mailbox. Motion was seconded by Sean. All were in favor with none opposed.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Kathy Werner

Town Clerk/Treasurer