

TOWN OF GRANVILLE
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2016
Pending Final Approval

In attendance:

Bruce Hyde, Chair, Sean Linskey Selectboard
Norman Arseneault, FEMA Coordinator
Kevin Bagley, Road Commissioner
Doug Newton and Kris Jurentkuff, Consultants
Mark Belisle, Constable
Roger Stauss and James Dague, Conservation Commission
Judy Adler-Wood, Planning Commission
Public: Michele Brown, Cheryl L. Sargeant, Gene & Jackie Hammond, Sean & Marilyn Dougherty, Patty & Dave Harvey, Nancy Maston and Vivian Branschofsky

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

Public Communication: Kathy has been absent for the past week and is expected to return on Tuesday; April 12th.

Old Business:

- Selectboard Appointment – Cheryl L. Sargeant and Norman Arseneault are interested in filling the vacant position until the next Town Meeting. After brief statements by both candidates the Selectboard moved into executive session from 6:15-6:20 to discuss candidate. After coming out of executive session, Sean made the motion to appoint Norm Arseneault to fill the vacancy until next Town Meeting and Bruce seconded. Approved with 2 yays.
- Conservation Commission Appointments – Roger Stauss asked to have Greg Hagerman and Megan Bender appointed with staggered terms to the commission. Marilyn Dougherty asked to be included as well. Sean made the motion to approve the 3 appointments with staggered terms and Norm seconded. All in favor none opposed.
- Planning Commission Appointment – Judy Adler-Wood asked to have Cheryl L. Sargeant appointed for a 3 year term. Sean made the motion to approve the appointment and Norm seconded. All in favor none opposed.
- Butz Road FEMA Alternate Project plans and estimate for Option 1A .(modified) were presented by Doug Newton and Kris Jurentkuff. The option provides for a 16' road width to Chris Jones' driveway with a rise in grade to Maston Hill Road. The road will widen to 20' at the curve near Young's and Werner's to give better site distance. The culvert at Landis' will be replaced later on with a grant from VAOT in the meantime they will place better subbase and extend the culvert ends for better drainage in that area. FEMA asks for an update in scope of work and should approve the change once the Town approves the bids and the final plans and it must stay within the Town's right-of-way. Norm made the motion to accept the plans and estimate as modified with 1 more caviate at St 95 use of structure to retain fill placement and Sean seconded. All in favor none opposed.

Proceed to bid advertisement on April 25th with a Pre-Bid Meeting on May 9th at 10:00 a.m. At the southend of the project with Bids Due May 23rd by 3:00 p.m. With Bid Opening at a Special Selectboard meeting at 6:00 p.m. Advertising in newspapers and e-mail notification to contractors of record. Printing 15 sets of plans and bid proposals. Norm made the motion to accept the dates and times and Sean seconded. All in favor none opposed.

- East Granville FEMA Buy-Out information e-mailed to attorney.

- Foxfire Solar Farm – Bruce spoke with the Public Service Board and large scale projects are on hold until they decide on the new regulations. The bill might give towns more say. James Dague asked if this was just for commercial projects or all of them; the bill is just for commercial projects above 150 K watts. The residential projects are okay. Judy has a rebuttal for the Town to review and approve at the May meeting.
- ECFiber – Granville needs 90 homes to sign up for high speed internet and so far we have 9 or 10. Other area towns are much closer to reaching their target and will get connected much sooner than Granville.
- Constable – have been asked what your duties are and would like to see a full report for the next Town Report and would like to see more patrols on the town highways. Mark would like people to call him directly if they have any questions and leave a message so he can get back to them.

Financial Administration:

No selectmen orders or financials were prepared because of Kathy's being out. Norm made the motion for a 1 time approval to sign the current orders outside of a meeting once prepared by the Town Treasurer for signature and Sean seconded. All in favor none opposed.

Sean moved to accept the March meeting minutes as edited and Bruce seconded. All in favor none opposed.

New Business:

Green Mountain National Forest Road Agreement – tabled until the May meeting.

Conservation Commission REC – the White River Partnership will be planting trees as planned. Received a letter from Two Rivers Ottauquechee regarding a HUD requirement to have a Phase 2 Environmental Study conducted for a potential coal burning and/or diesel fuel tank spill on the FEMA Buy-Out properties on VT Route 100. The commission asked the previous owner and that was all cleaned up prior to their purchase so it is suggested that the Town challenge it. The commission will draft a rebuttal letter for the selectboard to sign. Bruce will look into the situation further and discuss with the commission.

Class 4 Buttles Road Raking – Nancy Maston asked permission to use her rock rake to smooth out the Granville portion of the Class 4 Buttles Road. Sean made the motion to accept the offer to rake the Granville portion and Norm seconded. All in favor none opposed.

^ White River Partnership Stream Crossing and Culvert Assessment – will be on the June meeting agenda.

Better Back Roads Grant – to replace 4 culverts, ditch and rock line along Maston Hill Road for an estimated \$27,650.00 project with the Town paying \$5,530.00 to be taken from the culvert and ditching accounts. Norm made the motion to accept the grant and have it signed by Bruce and Sean seconded. All in favor.

Grading to continue in areas, sweeping to be done and clean up of downed trees. The sand pile will be put up within 2 weeks. The broken culverts need to be cleaned up and removed from the stream of the abutting property owner. Interested persons should contact Kevin Bagley to take the broken culverts. Norm made the motion to clean up the sand pile and culverts as discussed and Sean seconded. All in favor none opposed.

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LEOP and NIMS Annual Update – emergency contact information was changed to reflect new town officials. Sean made the motion to accept the updates and signing of the forms by Bruce and Norm seconded. All in favor none opposed.

Emergency Management Ordinance - tabled

Tax Sale of 2 properties went well with a bidder from Colchester, VT placing a bid on both properties.

Sean made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20p.m. And Norm seconded. All in favor none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl L. Sargeant