

TOWN OF GRANVILLE
SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 9, 2016

In Attendance:

Select board: Bruce Hyde/Chair; Sean Linskey & Norm Arseneault

Constable Mark Belisle

Road Commissioner Kevin Bagley

Town Attorney Dan Richardson

GVFD, Inc. Liaison Victoria Crowne

Planning Commission members Judy Wood & Cheryl Sargeant

Conservation Commission members Roger Stauss & Jim Dague

Public: Mr. & Mrs. Dougherty, Vivian Branschofsky,

Call to Order: 5:30 pm ***Minutes Subject to Approval***

Executive Session: Bruce called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm then moved to go into executive session for the reason of legal counseling that may prejudice the town. Motion was seconded by Norm. All were in favor with none opposed.

At 6:30 pm Bruce moved to come out of executive session which was seconded by Sean. No action was taken.

Public Communication & Comments

Roger Stauss commented on the scheduling an executive session before Public Comments.

Roger reported the Conservation Commission's plan to settle a boundary dispute between a neighbor and recently acquired town property. The neighbor indicated they would pay fifty percent of the cost to hire a surveyor. The town's share would be covered by an existing grant. The survey would establish the northern boundary of the former Bagley property.

Jim questioned the board regarding the change of road class on Town Line Road. The board explained the change from a Class 2 to Class 3 came about when the Buffalo Farm Road was reclassified which disqualified Town Line Road from remaining a Class 2 and it was the State that reclassified Town Line Road to Class 3.

Vivian asked what the schedule was for repainting the Town Hall. No schedule at this time and the topic will be added on the June agenda for further discussion. Vivian asked to have the office and Town Hall floors cleaned more often.

Old Business

Judy presented a draft letter to the Select board representing the Select board's opposition to the proposed solar power farm. Sean moved to allow Select board Chair signs the letter for the Select board. Norm seconded the motion. All were in favor with none opposed.

It was reported that the mandatory site visit for bidding on Alternate Project Butz Road was conducted this morning. Fifteen potential bidders attended.

Norm reviewed with the board his draft letter inviting adjacent landowners on Butz Road to attend an open house meeting to answer questions and review the engineer's plans. The open house will take place on May 28th starting at 9:00 am until 11:00 am in the Town Clerk Office. Anyone may attend.

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Sean moved to approve holding the open house which was seconded by Bruce. All were in favor with none opposed.

No update was reported on the FEMA Buy Out. Bruce will contact the attorney hired by the town to do the closing as a follow up.

Constable Update: Mark made a request to allow the treasurer issue payroll checks be issued at the start of each month, in advance of the regular scheduled meetings. Norm moved to pay salaried officials at the start of each month. Motion was seconded by Sean. All were in favor with none opposed. Mark reported there is a grant he would like to apply for toward the purchase a solar powered speed sign. The grant would pay 100% of the town's cost. The topic will be added to the June agenda for further discussion and consideration.

Road Update: Kevin discussed with the board regarding installing road signs. It was recommended he contact Harvey's Plumbing and Excavating for the job or search for someone to install the signs by advertisement. After a lengthy discussion regarding metal waste, Norm moved to pay for a dumpster for disposal of discarded culverts but not advertise the dumpster for public use. Sean seconded the motion. All were in favor with none opposed.

Legal Trails: The town received a letter from Jay and Alice Benson regarding their concern of an ancient road located on their land. Norm reported he had met with the land owners to locate the ancient road. Norm presented to the board a draft letter in response from the select board to the request to discontinue a section of the ancient road. The land owner will be notified and included in the process. Sean moved to approve the letter which was seconded by Bruce. All were in favor with none opposed.

Financial Administration

All pay orders were signed.

Amendments to the April minutes were made to read "Foxfire Solar Farm-Bruce spoke with Chris Recchin with the Vermont Public Service Dept. and large scale projects are stayed until they decide on new regulations. A legislative bill may give towns more say. James Dague asked if this was just for commercial projects or all of them; the bill is just for commercial net metered systems above 15 K watts". Norm moved to accept the minutes as amended which was seconded by Bruce. All were in favor with none opposed.

Town Loan: There was a discussion over the unpaid amount of education tax due to the School District and current tax collecting. The Treasurer will look into taking a Line of Credit in Anticipation of Delinquent tax to be collected after the last installment and a loan in anticipation of tax to be collected for FY 2016/17. These items will be added to the June agenda.

New Business

Town Green up by providing dumpsters: the board discussed the feasibility of paying for dumpsters for residents to use to dispose of metal and other waste. It was decided to put the question to the voters next Town Meeting Day.

GMNF Cooperative Road Agreement: Norm moved to sign the agreement which was seconded by Sean.

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All were in favor with none opposed.

Town Hall Rental Applications: The board received a rental application for a wedding in October. After a discussion regarding town liability and alcohol use on town property, Norm moved that the Town Hall Rental Policy should be revised and until then all applications that include alcohol use will not be approved. Motion was seconded by Sean. All were in favor with none opposed. The board indicated that the former church would not be made available for public use.

A second application was reviewed for a child's Birthday party to be held on May 28th. Norm moved to approve the application. Motion was seconded by Sean. All were in favor with none opposed.

Addison County Humane Society Annual Contract: The board discussed options. Sean will do some research and report back at the next board meeting in June.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Kathy Werner
Town Clerk/Treasurer