

Town of Granville

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2016

In Attendance:

Selectboard: Bruce Hyde/Chair, Sean Linskey and Norm Arseneault

Kevin Bagley/Road Commissioner

Mark Belisle/Constable

Planning Commission: Judy Adler/Chair; Mary Falcon; Marilyn Dougherty and Cheryl Sargeant

Conservation Commission: Mark Belisle/Chair and Jim Dague

Public: Fritz and Vivian Branschofsky, Steph Comak and Shawn Dougherty

Contractors: G & N Excavating and ECS Excavating

Guest: Greg Russ from White River Partnership

Subject to Approval

1. Questions & Comments from Visitors /Community Members

Cheryl Sargeant reported that the Town of Rochester has invited the public to mark the anniversary of Tropical Storm Irene by hosting events on August 28th.

Guest Greg Russ from White River Partnership informed the selectboard there are grants available from their organization that the town may qualify for in tandem with grants from Two River for replacing culverts. White River Partnership has grant funding for culverts that need replacing in flood prone areas. Both White River Partnership and Two River have mapped locations of culverts in Granville. White River Partnership would like permission from the Selectboard to work with the town's Road Commissioner to identify culverts needing replacement in flood prone areas for Granville that may qualify for grant funding. The Selectboard gave their approval.

2. Amend/Approve Minutes

a) Approve Minutes from July 11- Norm Moved to accept the minutes which was seconded by Sean. All were in favor with none opposed.

3. Roads and Other Reports

a) Planning Commission Update- Judy reported that the Town Plan is slated for updating in 2019 but would like to make amendments to the language of the

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Town Plan to a more directive language, with a focus on alternative energy planning. There was a discussion over the procedure for making changes to the Town Plan. This coming fall a representative from Two River Regional Planners will be meeting with the Planning Commission to begin the process of updating the Town Plan. Judy said that the commission is interested in making an early start by drafting an informatory letter describing the Planning Commission's goals and to solicit public opinion. A copy of which has been posted on the town's website.

b) Road Commissioner's Report-Kevin provided a draft outline listing items to be reported to the board. A draft advertisement to solicit bid for East Granville Winter Maintenance was given. The advertisement will be placed in the local paper to run the weeks of August 18th and 25th. Bids are due September 12th by 3pm at the Town Clerk's Office. There was a discussion regarding road side brush cutting and complaints from residents. Norm said he met with Roger Stauss, who had sent an email with a complaint, to view with him the damages on Maston Hill Road. Norm reported to the board that even though to branches and tree trunks he saw were marred by the brush cutting, the damage was not severe enough to kill the trees. More work will be done on Maston Hill Road following his meeting with Roger. Kevin said that the branches needed to be cut or they would drape over the road causing problems for cars and trucks. Sean said he would like to see guidelines set for cutting back branches and to have the larger branches cut with a saw instead of the mowers blade. Kevin reported there is more roadside cleanup that needs to be done after the last storm. Norm introduced a revised Highway Ordinance Application and Permits he had drafted. These drafts will replace the ones currently on file. Kevin is working on a proposed list of priorities for Road Structure Grants.

c) Kennedy Road Complex Examination: McDonald; Bagley Camo; Western Slope (Walter Engelhardt); Kennedy-Norm reviewed with the board the procedures for road classification change. During discussion it was decided to

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focus only on the Legal Trail Bagley Camp and Western Slope. A hike will take place on Saturday September 17 by meeting at 10:00 am at the Town Hall to examine both the legal trail and road. The public is welcome to attend the hike. Norm will draft and mail letters to all the adjoining land owners before then to give notice of the process. The hearing date was set for Tuesday October 11 at 4:30 pm with the regular Selectboard Meeting following at 6:00 pm.

d) Constable's Report-Mark is seeking estimates to paint the Town Hall. Mark reported that he will be attending Health Officers training. Mark also reported he is still waiting for a grant approval for the speed sign, in the meantime he is working with the towns of Hancock and Rochester in drafting an agreement for sharing the speed sign and sharing maintenance costs.

4. Old Business

a) Open Bids for Plunkton Road Culvert Replacement- Five bids were submitted. *After a discussion Sean moved to award the bid to ECS Excavating which was seconded by Norm. All were in favor with none opposed.*

b) Approve Highway Structures Grant-The Chair approved the grant by signing.

c) Consider Bid for Removing Kitchen Grease Trap-An estimate of \$450 was submitted. *Norm moved to award the bid to Rick Lanpher. Motion was seconded by Sean. All were in favor with none opposed.*

d) Award Bid for Survey of Bagley Lot and Approve 50-50 Contract Cost With Adjoining Land Owners-Bids were sought by Norm and after consulting with Two Rivers he made a recommendation. *Sean moved to hire Norm Smith. Motion was seconded by Norm Arseneault. All were in favor with none opposed.* Bruce will notify Mr. Smith their decision. Bruce signed a draft agreement to share the cost with the Cromwell's and will be sent to them for their signature.

e) East Granville FEMA Update-Janet Lumbra's paperwork is all done now waiting for the attorney to give the green light.

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5. New Business

a) Consider Purchase of New Computer-The Town Clerk reported that the assessor's computer is not working properly and needs to be replaced. After a discussion the board gave her the Ok to move forward in replacing the computer.

b) Rewrite Town Hall Policy-There was a brief discussion. No action taken.

c) Granville Post Office Update-Bruce reported he was contacted by the U.S Postal Service in regards to their search to re-establish a location for a post office in Granville. Their study could take between 6 months to a year.

6. Financials

a) Sign Orders/Approve Financial Reports-Norm requested that the attorney's invoice be paid from the Alternate Project account. *Sean moved to approve the Selectmen's Order as amended. Motion was seconded by Bruce. All were in favor with none opposed.*

7. Items for Next Meeting Agenda

8. Adjourn- Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Kathy Werner

Town Clerk/Treasurer