

Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2016

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In attendance:

Bruce Hyde, Selectboard Chair; Sean Linskey, Selectboard; Kevin Bagley, Road Commissioner; Mark Belisle, Constable and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Minutes Taker

Public: Vivian & Friz Branschofsky; Nancy Needham; Ted Carty; Sean & Marilyn Dougherty; Jackie & Thomas Hammond; Roger Stauss; Nancy Demers; Richard Lee; Gerry Renny, USPS; Curtis Bullard, USPS; Jim Berdeil, USPS and Michael Bullard, USPS

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

Public Communication: Roger presented the Selectboard with a letter regarding the damages to trees along Maston Hill Road caused by the Town's contracted mowing company. After discussion it was decided to talk to the mowing contractor and ask that they **reduce** flail mowing in the future. The Selectboard will look into having the limbs trimmed back that are in the right-of-way and/or to simply cut diseased and/or select cut trees that are in the town right-of-way and giving the wood to the property owners.

There was a discussion of the unsightly yellow silo that stores calcium chloride behind the Fire Station. The town will consider ways to lessen the visual impact.

The United States Postal Service sent members to speak with the Selectboard about a location to open a post office in Granville along the VT Route 100 corridor. After much discussion with those present the USPS is beginning its 30 day search for a new location starting on Tuesday; September 13, 2016 for public comment and proposals to be submitted for either a land lease for a modular building to be installed or a leased retail space for a 10 year period. Depending on what the USPS chooses it could open soon or sometime in 2017.

Agenda and Meeting Minutes: Sean made the motion to approve all as written and seconded by Bruce. All in favor none opposed.

Open Bids for East Granville Winter Maintenance: Sean made the motion to table the item until next meeting as no bids were available and seconded by Bruce. All in favor none opposed.

Road Commissioner Report: Plunkton Road culvert replacement has started and should be back open by the end of this week. Graveling some of the roads should be starting soon. There is a problem culvert on West Hill that was pulled up by the grader that needs to be replaced before winter and should cost about \$3,000.00. ECS Excavating & Landscaping LLC is available to do the work once the Plunkton Road project is done. Bruce made the motion to proceed with having the culvert replaced and Sean seconded. All in favor none opposed.

Revised Applications for Road Work and Permits: Applications and Permits were updated by Norm and Kevin requests that the Road Commissioner be notified when the Town Clerk receives an Overweight Permit so that he can advise her if it should be issued and know what road(s) are impacted in case of damages. Bruce made the motion to approve the Legal Trails, Class 4, Driveway and Logging applications with a \$45.00 fee and the Overweight Permits with \$5.00 & \$10.00 fees as written and Sean seconded. All in favor none opposed.

The Selectboard was presented with 3 Logging applications for West Hill and Braintree Mountain. Sean made the motion to approve them and Bruce seconded. All in favor none opposed.

The Selectboard was presented with the Plunkton Road culvert contract with ECS Excavating & Landscaping LLC for signature. Bruce made the motion to sign the contract and Sean seconded. All in favor none opposed.

Constable and Building & Grounds Report: Radar trailer grant has been awarded to the Town. Constable reports that he will pick up from the Bennington County Sheriff's Office and store at his property. The Town will need to register and insure it under the Granville Town Constable. The Constable would like to purchase a new computer soon.

Need to speak with the Town Clerk about the sink drain work. No one is interested in painting the Town Hall will have to wait until next year. Would like to look into a grant to fix up the Church so that we can start to use that space for weddings, etc.

Old Business: East Granville FEMA Buy-Out still no word on a definite date for a closing.

Sean mentioned the gates on Gene's Road and wanting them open while no one was living on the farm. After discussion it was suggested that the Selectboard send a letter to the Vermont Land Trust informing them that the Town will be opening the gates to allow the use of the road by the public once again.

Sean Dougherty asked if there was any word on the new Town Clerk Office hours? It was mentioned that the Town Clerk had offered to have the office open an additional hour Monday-Thursday to serve those that could not get to the office by 3:00 p.m. The Selectboard will speak with the Town Clerk.

New Business: Mowing Contract for town lawns and cemeteries will be advertised this winter. Sidewalk Clearing Contract need to have a written quote from the contractor.

Reclassification of West Hill Extension will be November 14, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Meeting at the Town Clerk's Office for a site visit, returning for a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. And a decision at the 6:00 p.m. Selectboard meeting.

Bagley Camp Legal Trail and Western Slope Legal Trail to reclassify or discontinue will be September 17, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Meeting at the Town Clerk's Office for a site visit. Then on October 11, 2016 beginning at 4:30 p.m. Hold a public hearing and a decision at the 6:00 p.m. Selectboard meeting.

Town Hall Rental Agreement; Bruce contacted VLCT and it was recommended that we allow liquor to be served via a licensed caterer or the rentee acquire a million dollar insurance policy listing the Town as additional insured. Bruce will use the template provided by VLCT and the Selectboard will discuss further at a later meeting.

Financials: Sean made the motion to accept the Orders and Statements as written and Bruce seconded. All in favor none opposed.

Butz Road Wetlands Permit has been submitted which will delay the project a little longer. The survey work has been completed on the VT Route 100 FEMA Buy-Out property and accepted by the adjacent property owner paying for half.

Bruce made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13p.m. And Sean seconded. All in favor none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl L. Sargeant