

TOWN OF GRANVILLE

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 11, 2016

In Attendance:

Select board: Bruce Hyde/Chair, Sean Linskey and Norm Arseneault

Mark Belisle/Constable/Health Officer

Kevin Bagley/Road Commissioner

Public:

Michele Gaboriau for G & N Excavating, Mr. & Mrs. Hammond, Mr. & Mrs. Benson , Walt and Louis Engelhardt and Sean and Marilyn Dougherty

Subject to Final Approval

1. Questions and Comments from Visitors/Community Members

Marilyn commented that the minutes from September 12th did not include the discussion over the yellow chloride tank. Bruce agreed at the minutes should include the discussion and noted that the board had not given final approval yet and said the board would table it until the November meeting when they have the revised minutes.

2. Amend/Approve Agenda & Minutes

a) Make Changes/Approve October 11 Agenda- Norm moved to add the signing of contract between G & N Excavation and the Town for the Butz Road under Road and Other Reports. Motion was seconded by Sean. All were in favor with none opposed.

b) Approve Minutes from September 12- The minutes from September 12 was tabled until the next meeting in November.

2. Roads and Other Reports

a) Consider Road Reclassification/Discontinuance-Norm asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the process and there were none. Norm motioned to reestablish the Western Slope Road back on the town highway map as a legal trail. Motion was then suspended when Walt Engelhardt asked a question if the road could instead be reclassified as a class 4 road. A discussion followed and Norm asked if Walt would like to see the road classified as a class 4 and he replied yes. Norm then motioned to reestablish the Western Slope Road back on the town highway map as a class 4 road. Sean seconded the motion. All in favor with none opposed.

Next to consider was the Bagley Camp Legal Trail. Norm moved to proceed to discontinue the Bagley Camp Legal trail between McDonald Road and Kennedy Road. Bruce seconded the motion. All were in favor with none opposed. Norm concluded by stating that the next step will be for the town to ask the State to accept the changes.

b) Discuss Bagley Camp Legal Trail- Bruce reported that he had talked to the Vermont Land Trust owners of property in town about relocating the section of the Bagley Camp Trail that crosses over their property and about creating a new parking area at the trail head also on their property. The land owners have planned to meet with Sean on October 18th to flag the new trail location to a new parking lot using a GPS.

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Norm noted that the town will have to go through the same procedures to discontinue that section of the legal trail and then work out a public right of way and parking area between the land owners and the town.

c) Signing of Contract Between Town and G&N Excavating-*Norm moved to approve and sign contract with G&N Excavating. Motion was seconded by Sean. All were in favor with none opposed.* The contract shows the original bid amount and reviewed that he will work with the subcontractor on the revised engineer plans in areas related to the general wetland permit. Work will begin at the intersection of Butz Road and Maston Hill.

d) Road Commissioners Report-Kevin reported that new road and speed signs are now up. Graveling of roads will begin next week. A subcontractor is interested in plowing Handy Road this coming winter. A proposal will be brought in at the next meeting in November for final approval. The bridge replacement on McDonald Road was discussed. Kevin has a sign showing bridge closed that will be erected. Work to replace the bridge will take place next year.

e) Constable Report- Mark reported that the speed trailer/sign is here and set up in front of the Town Hall. At some later point it will be set up on the back roads. Mark is working on an agreement to share the speed trailer with the towns of Hancock and Rochester. Mark said he recently attended VLCT's Town Fair.

4. Old Business

a) Update on FEMA Buy-Out/E. Granville and Approve Time Extension –Bruce reported he attended the closing between Janet Lumbrá and the Town of Granville last week. The town now owns the property and as part of the FEMA Buy-Out program, the town will next need to take down and remove the house.

b) Town Hall Rental Policy Revision-Bruce reviewed a proposed new Town Hall Rental Policy with a suggestion from VLCT. There was a lengthy discussion over alcohol use and whether to restrict, allow using by a caterer or/and allow when a constable is present. After listening to comments from board members and the public, Bruce said he will consider all comments and bring a draft policy to the November meeting for consideration. Also discussed were rental fees and use of fireworks.

5. New Business

a) Select Town Green-Up Coordinator-Tabled.

b) Discuss Forming a Town Park Dept.

Sean submitted a draft mission statement to form the department to promote a positive community vibe by providing open spaces, recreation trail and youth building activities as part of his proposal. Mark and Marilyn are both on the Conservation Committee and made comments and questioned if this new department would overlap with the Conservation Committee. Sean said his vision for the new committee would for example, restore the soccer field and maintain town legal trails. The new department will work along with other boards, committees and the Road Commission. There would be no cost to the tax payers.

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In regards to overlapping committees, *Norm moved to terminate the Ancient Legal Road and Trails Committee, which was seconded by Sean. All were in favor with none opposed.* Mark suggesting changing the Park and Recreation Department to a committee. *Sean Moved to form a Park and Recreation Committee. Motion was seconded by Bruce. All in favor with none opposed.* Norm suggested Sean further define his mission statement and bring a list of proposed members and proposed chairperson to the November meeting.

6. Financials

a) Sign Orders/Approve Financial Reports-All Selectmen and Highway orders were approved and signed.

7. Items for Next Meeting Agenda

Approve September 12 and October 11 minutes

Park and Recreation Committee Appointments

Begin Work on 2016/17 Proposed Budget

Town Hall Rental Policy

E. Granville Winter Maintenance Contract

Update on Bagley Camp Legal Trail

Select Town Green-Up Coordinator

Decision on Reclassification of West Hill Extension from Class 4 to Class 3

8. Adjourn

Bruce moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. Motion seconded by Sean. All in favor with none opposed.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Kathy Werner

Town Clerk/Treasurer