

**TOWN OF GRANVILLE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 7, 2017**

Minutes Subject to Final Approval

Moderator Roger Stauss called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Kate Stauss made a motion to go into recess which was seconded by Nancy Demers. All were in favor with none opposed.

The meeting was called back to order by the moderator at 6:55 pm. The moderator next introduced newly elected State Representatives Jay Hooper and Ben Jickling. The representatives gave a brief of proposed bills at the State House before taking a number of questions from the floor. Questions statements leaned toward a strong interest in recent federal law changes and what the effect will be on Vermont.

ECFiber representative Richard Poole was introduced next who gave a report of the status of bringing ECFiber to Granville. Residents were encouraged to contact ECFiber to subscribe as a show of interest.

1. To elect a Moderator for the year ensuing. Kevin nominated Roger Stauss. Vivian Branschosky moved to close nominations, which was seconded by Judy Wood. All were in favor with none opposed. One ballot cast for **Roger Stauss** as Town Moderator.

2. To elect all Town Officers as required by law:

a. To elect a Selectperson for a 3 year term ending 2020. Kate Stauss made a motion to move Article 2, which was seconded by Nancy Demers. Nancy Demers nominated Richard Poole and Gene Hammond nominated Cheryl Sargeant. With no other nominations said, Kevin Bagley motioned to cease nominations which was seconded by Victoria Crowne. All were in favor with none opposed. The moderator ruled to vote by paper ballot. Total of 48 ballots cast with Cheryl Sargeant 15 and Richard Poole 33. One ballot cast for **Richard Poole** as Selectman.

b. To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for a 1 year term ending 2018. Kate Stauss nominated Nancy Needham. With no other nominations said, Kevin Bagley moved to cease nominations, which was seconded by Norm Arseneault. All were in favor with none opposed. One ballot cast for **Nancy Needham** as Delinquent Tax Collector.

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c. To elect a Town Grand Juror for a 1 year term ending 2018. Vivian Branschofsky nominated Mike Eramo. With no other nominations said, Judy Wood motioned to cease Nominations which was seconded by Vivian Branschofsky. All were in favor with none opposed. One ballot cast for **Mike Eramo** as Town Grand Juror.

d. To elect an Agent to Prosecute & Defend Suits for a 1 year term ending 2018. Kate Stauss nominated Diane Eramo. With no other nominations said, Vivian Branschofsky motioned to cease, which was seconded by Judy Wood. All were in favor with none opposed. One ballot cast for **Diane Eramo** as Town Agent.

e. To elect a Cemetery Commissioner for a 3 year term ending 2020. Vivian Branschofsky nominated Rick Lee. With no other nominations said, Judy Wood moved to cease nominations. All were in favor with none opposed. One ballot cast for **Rick Lee** as Cemetery Commissioner.

f. To elect a Second Constable for a 1 year term ending 2018. Cheryl Sargeant nominated Brett Stickney. With no other nominations being said Mary Falcon moved to cease nominations, which was seconded by Judy Wood. All were in favor with none opposed. One ballot was cast for **Brett Stickney** as Second Constable.

3. Shall the Town of Granville vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to collect current taxes pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1529? Kate Stauss made a motion to call the question which was seconded by Nancy Demers. All were in favor with none opposed.
Article 3 Passed.

4. To hear the Selectmen's report and act upon same. Norm Arseneault gave a review of the Selectmen's Report. Judy Wood made a motion to accept the report, which was seconded by Kate Stauss. All were in favor with none opposed. **Article 4 Passed.**

5. To hear the Outside Auditors report and act upon the same. Bruce read the Audit report. There were questions from the floor regarding certain line items that were discussed and answered to by the Treasurer and Selectboard. Nancy Demers moved to accept the audit report which was seconded. All were in favor with none opposed.
Article 5 Passed.

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6. Shall the Town of Granville vote to accept the budget of \$345,873.00 to meet expenses and liabilities of the Town and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same? Nancy Demers motioned to move the article which was seconded by Vivian Branschofsky. The moderator then asked for any questions or comments from the floor. Kate Stauss then made a motion to call question which was seconded by Judy Wood. All were in favor with none opposed. **Article 6 Passed.**

7. Shall the Town of Granville vote to increase the Highway Capital Investment Account in the amount of \$6,000.00 for the purpose of resurfacing the existing paved road segments? Mary Falcon motioned to move the article which was seconded by Vivian Branschofsky. Road Commissioner Kevin Bagley explained the amount requested was to start building a capital investment fund toward repaving town roads. Kate Stauss made a motion to call the question which was seconded by Judy Wood. All were in favor with none opposed. **Article 7 Passed.**

8. Shall the Town of Granville vote to increase the Highway Capital Investment Account for the Town Line Road culvert grant in the amount of \$8,000.00 for the purpose of meeting the Town's 10 percent match of the Structures Grant yet to be applied for? Victoria Crowne motioned to move the article which was seconded by Christian Jacquith. Jim Dague questioned how the article amount was reached. Road Commissioner Kevin Bagley explained that the grant is the town's share of a structures grant the town has yet to apply for. The amount is 10% of the towns share based on an estimate of the cost to replace a culvert. Nancy Demers made a motion to call the question which was seconded by Vivian Branschofsky. All were in favor with none opposed. **Article 8 Passed.**

9. Shall the Town of Granville vote to increase the Capital Account for the purpose of covering expenses for Fire Protection in East Granville in the amount of \$500.00? Judy Wood made a motion to move the article which was seconded by Cheryl Sargeant. Selectman Norm Arseneault explained that the article is capital investment fund to build a resource of funds for E. Granville Fire Protection. Cheryl Sargeant made a motion to

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call the question which was seconded by Victoria Crowne. All were in favor with none opposed. **Article 9 Passed.**

10. Shall the Town of Granville vote to appropriate \$250.00 to The Corner School Resource Center of Granville as a demonstration of community support needed for seeking grants for renovation and programming? Judy Wood made a motion to move the article which was seconded by Juli Reiderer. Speaking for the Corner Resource Center, Diane Eramo stated that a vote of approval for the funds would show as a sign of support from the community that will aid the CSRC when applying for grants. Judy Wood made a motion to call the question which was seconded by Vivian Branschofsky. All were in favor with none opposed. **Article 10 Passed.**

11. Shall the Town of Granville vote to enter into a lease agreement with the United States Postal Service to erect a modular post office building adjacent to the Town Hall? Kate Sauss made a motion to move the article which was seconded by Judy Wood. Bruce gave a report on the selectmen's proposal for the town to enter into a lease with the US Postal Service and bring a modular structure onto land adjacent to the Town Hall parking area. Comments were taken from the floor that leaned toward not in favor of the proposal. Judy Wood made a motion to call the question which was seconded by Juli Reiderer. All were opposed and none in favor. **Article 11 Defeated.**

12. Shall the Town of Granville vote to apply any surplus from the Highway Budget's current fiscal year into the Highway Capital Investment Fund? Nancy Demers made a motion to call the question which was seconded by Kate Stauss. All were in favor with none opposed. **Article 12 Passed.**

13. Shall the Town of Granville vote to authorize property taxes to be paid to the Treasurer as provided by law, in four (4) equal installments, with due dates being; August 15, November 15, February 15 and May 15? Vivian Branschofsky made a motion to call the question which was seconded by Cheryl Sargeant. All were in favor with none opposed. **Article 13 Passed.**

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14. Shall the Town of Granville vote that overdue taxes will bear interest at a rate of one percent (1%) per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter one and one-half percent (1 1/2%) per month or fraction thereof from the due date of such tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5136? Judy Wood made a motion to call the question which was seconded by Kate Stauss. All were in favor with none opposed. **Article 14 Passed.**

15. To transact any other business to come before said meeting. Constable Mark Belisle reminded everyone there will be a rabies clinic held at the Hancock Fire Department on March 15 from 5:00 until 7:00 pm. Judy Wood made a motion to call the question which was seconded by Nancy Demers. All were in favor with none opposed. **Article 15 Passed.**

16. To adjourn said meeting. Kate Stauss made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm. Motion was seconded. All were in favor with none opposed. **Article 16 Passed.**

Respectfully Submitted By:

Kathy Werner
Town Clerk/Treasurer

Roger Stauss/Moderator

Bruce Hyde/Chair