

TOWN OF GRANVILLE

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2017

In Attendance:

Bruce Hyde/Chair, Selectmen Sean Linskey and Richard Poole

Constable Mark Belisle, Road Commissioner Kevin Bagley

Conservation Commission; Marilyn Dougherty

Public: Fritz and Vivian Branschofsky, Norm Arseneault, Mary Falcon, Cheryl Sargeant, Danial Sargeant, Mr. & Mrs.

Millard, Shawn Dougherty, Gene and Jackie Hammond, Patti Bordonaro, Victoria Crowne and Steve Mishkit

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Subject to Final Approval

1. Questions & Comments from Visitors /Community Members – Vivian requested that the dialog adhere to what is on the agenda and that comments be kept brief during the meeting so as to stay on topic and keep the meeting moving forward. The Chair stated he agreed with Vivian's statement.

Erika Linskey gave her support on the discussion of renting the Old Town Clerk Office to the Postal Service. The Town taxpayers could benefit from the additional revenue.

Norm reported he attended the Vermont Supreme Court hearing recently. The hearing was the result of an appeal to the Addison Court decision in favor of the Town of Granville Vs Joe Loprette. Norm reported based on the questions from the panel of judges, he came away with a positive feel. The only issue was is that the town has no record of certificates of road openings for any of the town roads. Norm said this is a first case of its kind.

Marilyn read her prepared comments regarding discussions omitted or incorrect notes in the unapproved minutes from May 8th. She stated her name had been omitted from under attendance.

Patti stated that her mother's name was not listed under attendance on the May 8 unapproved minutes. Patti also stated her request to have recorded the board chair's statement that if the parking on Genes Road becomes an issue the board will take action as being omitted from the draft minutes taken May 8th.

The Clerk stated that the minutes were just a draft and subject to final approval. The board can amend the minutes to include the omissions.

Gene Hammond gave a copy of a VLCT's open meeting handbook to the board.

2. Open Winter Road Bids – One bid was submitted from ECS Excavating. No action was taken.

3. Open Paint Bids – There were no bids submitted for painting. Norm suggested that if no bids are received the board can accept other offers. Sean stated he knew of a subcontractor who was interested. There was a discussion over possible reasons for the low bid turnout.

4. Amend/Approve Agenda -

- **Make changes/approve Agenda** – Sean motioned to amend the May 8th minutes to amend to include under names in attendance, Barbara Straw and Marilyn Dougherty. Motion was seconded by Richard. All were in favor with none opposed.
- **The Town Clerk asked to have an item added to the agenda. Item listed under New Business: Audit Agreement with Sullivan and Powers.**

5. Approve May 8th Minutes from Public Hearing and Selectmen's Meeting – Sean motioned to approve the minutes from the May 8th Hearing and the amended Selectmen's minutes from May 8th. Richard Poole seconded the motion. All were in favor with none opposed.

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6. Road and Other Reports

- **Hear Update from Conservation Commission** – Marilyn reported that their next meeting is on June 13th at 9:00 am in the Town Clerk Office. The commission will be reorganizing and to discuss progress on the Granville Commons project.
- **Hear report from Road Commissioner-** Kevin reported that grading will begin tomorrow. There was a discussion on road side mowing and chervil. Kevin asked that pulled chervil not be left in the road as it interferes with the grading by getting caught under the blade. Kevin also reported that the bridge near Benson's will start soon. Steve Mishkit had questions regarding the Highway Budget that went into a discussion.
- **Approval of Change Order #2 to Butz Road Contract** - Norm reviewed the change order with the board. The maximum amount payable under the contract was reduced and the scope of work was amended. Attached to the change order is an itemized list showing items of value change. Norm recommended the change order be approved. Sean made a motion to sign the change order which was seconded by Bruce. All were in favor with none opposed.
- **Constable's Report** – Mark reported he will be taking several certification classes for NEMS and another for Taser training. Mark is also working on obtaining a way of collecting data from the speed trailer.

7. Financials

- **Approve Selectmen's Orders** – All Selectmen, Highway and other orders were signed.
- **Review Monthly Financial Reports** – The Treasurer requested to be allowed to seek an extension to their Tax Anticipation Note. The town has a \$100,000 loan due to be repaid by June 30th but due to the amount of uncollected delinquent taxes (\$75,000) the town will need an extension. Richard made a motion to approve extending the Tax Anticipation Note which was seconded by Sean. All were in favor with none opposed. The Treasurer requested a preliminary meeting with a board member to begin the tax setting process. Bruce along with selected public members Norm Arseneault and Cheryl Sargeant will meet together on June 6th at the Town Clerk Office to start the work on tax setting. The select board acknowledged the Hancock/Granville Community Church sent a \$1,000 contribution to the town. A thank-you note will be sent.

8. Old Business

- **Update on joint meeting with the Rochester Selectboard** – Bruce reported he attended a joint meeting with the Rochester select board to discuss Buttles Road. Norm also attended. It will be up to the Rochester selectmen on how to proceed.
- **Update on Post Office relocation** – Bruce reported he just received a notice for posting from the USPS soliciting site proposals for a post office in Granville. This is open to the public. A copy of the notice will be posted on the town website. Bruce stated that if the Old Town Clerk Office site is considered and accepted by the US Postal Service the town will hold a vote.

9. New Business

- **Parking at the Bagley Trail on Genes Road** – Bruce stated that at the last meeting there was some concern regarding the parking at the new Bagley Camp Trail. For the record, Bruce stated that if parking becomes a situation the board will address it.

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Norm reported that the State confirmed the general wet land application requirements are complete and we are now waiting for the States approval.

- **Audit Agreement with Sullivan and Powers** – The Treasurer submitted an agreement with Sullivan and Powers to conduct an audit on fiscal year 2016/17 for their approval. The audit was set to begin July 10th. Approval was given to sign the agreement.
- **Discuss letter from EVKids (formerly Earthen Vessels) attorney** – It was reported that EVKids have grieved the assessor's denial of exempt status and the assessor will next render their decision on the grievance by certified mail. From there forward, EVKids will have 14 days to request an appeal to the BCA.
- **Response to GVFD, INC "Letter of Intent"** – The board discussed with the Fire Chief Dan Sargeant his request to the selectmen to make appointments their Fire Department's building improvement committee with the intent to study the condition of the fire station. The board expressed their interest and will continue the discussion at the next meeting.

10. Items for Next Meeting's Agenda

- **Continue discussion with GVFD, INC -**
- **Discuss speed limit on Rte. 100**
- **Discuss Contract with Bensons Rubbish Removal**
- **Set Municipal Tax Rate for FY 2017/2018**

11. Adjourn- Bruce moved to adjourn which was seconded by Sean. All were favor with none opposed.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Kathy Werner
Town Clerk/Treasurer