

TOWN OF GRANVILLE  
PUBLIC HEARING  
JULY 10, 2017

In Attendance:

Select Board Members: Bruce Hyde/Chair, Sean Linskey and Richard Poole

Cemetery Commissioner: Cheryl Sargeant

Road Commissioner: Kevin Bagley

Petitioners: Gene Hammond, Shawn and Marilyn Dougherty

Public: Judy Wood, Mary Falcon, Ron Millard, Diane Eramo, Nancy Demers, Fritz and Vivian Branschofsky, Erika Linskey, Norm Arseneault, Malcolm and Barb Appleton, Jim Dague and Steven Werner

Call to Order at 5:00 pm

**APPROVED**

Bruce opened the Hearing. Gene Hammond introduced himself as one the petitioners and gave a brief background of why the petition was submitted, to provide a right of way to the back lot of the Elmwood Cemetery. Bruce then called to move to a site visit at 4108 VT Rte. 100 at 5:05.

The Hearing was reconvened at 5:20 pm when returned back to the Town Clerk Office.

Marilyn Dougherty submitted documents to the select board for the record and read a prepared statement to the Select board and the Citizens of Granville which was also submitted for the record.

Comments from the Public:

Jim Dague stated that a right of way could be shared with the Fair Point right of way as an access to the cemetery lot.

Vivian Branschofsky stated her agreement with Jim that the expansion was not needed as the right of way could be shared with Fairpoint.

Judy Wood stated the Cemetery Commission should be the ones to determine if there is a need to expand the Cemetery for a right of way.

Norm Arseneault submitted a copy of a State Statute that reads that the "burial boundaries of a new or expanded cemetery shall be located outside the flood plain". Norm commented that the site visit clearly showed the proposed expansion as being in the flood plain with evidence seen in the landscaped swale. Norm stated proposed area is located on the National Flood Map as being in flood zone AE (Flood Hazard Area).

Mary Falcon requested to hear from Cemetery Commission member Cheryl Sargeant.

Cheryl stated that the Cemetery Commission will need to expand for more burial plots sometime in the future but it is still an unknown if the back lot addition, which is located in the flood plain can even be used and a grid layout of burial lots hasn't even begun. Cheryl stated that the Cemetery Commission isn't ready to begin planning a right of way access.

Marilyn Dougherty stated she would like to see the right of way established now. If the Town decides to enter into leasing the Town lot to the Postal Service they may lose the opportunity to do so.

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Norm Arseneault stated he would like to see a study of our cemetery needs, growth and future of all the Town of Granville cemeteries.

Bruce Hyde was given a copy of the statue provided from Norm. Bruce read the statute aloud and submitted it for the record.

Public comments ceased and Bruce closed the Hearing at 5:45 pm

A list of documents submitted by the petitioners and the public attending were placed on file:

- A) Copy of Town land survey at 4108 VT Rte. 100
- B) Lease Agreement between Town of Granville and Fairpoint
- C) Warranty Deed between Town of Granville and Roy Farr
- D) Copy of Petition dated June 12, 2017
- E) Letter dated July 10, 2017
- F) Copy of Statues 5319 (2) (G)

Respectfully Submitted By:  
Kathy Werner  
Town Clerk/Treasurer