

TOWN OF GRANVILLE
SPECIAL SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
JULY 24, 2017

In Attendance:

Selectmen: Bruce Hyde/Chair, Sean Linskey and Richard Poole

Road Commissioner Kevin Bagley

Public: Marilyn and Shawn Dougherty, Gene Hammond, Nancy Demers, Mary Falcon, Judy Wood and Cheryl Sargeant.

Call to Order: 6:00 PM

Approved

1. Public Communication and Comments-Kevin discussed with the board his estimate to replace the bridge on Kennedy Road. So far he has one estimate that would be well over the amount budgeted for Class 4 roads. More estimates are being sought. There was also a discussion of the idea of an alternate route around the bridge which would require a landowner's permission. Bruce plans to contact the landowner for feedback.

2. Amend/Approve Agenda-No changes were made to the Agenda.

3. Approve minutes from July 10 Public Hearing and Select board Meeting & July 17 Special Select board Meeting- Shawn commented on the unapproved minutes which was taken up by the chair in the amendments. Bruce amended the July 10th minutes to include that he gave a handout showing a preliminary estimate breakdown for a town highway department. Bruce amended the minutes from July 17th to make a correction showing the lowest bid as \$38,490. Also added to the minutes was the board's approval for Jay Benson to store cement blocks at the Town Hall and a gravel stock pile on Kennedy Road. Richard made the motion to accept the July 10th Hearing and Selectmen's meeting minutes as amended. Sean seconded the motion. All were in favor with none opposed. Richard made the motion to accept the July 17th minutes as amended. Sean seconded the motion. All were in favor with none opposed.

4. Award Winter Road Contract – Kevin reported he had contacted the bidders for more information. Concerns were raised in relation to each contractor such as equipment and location of business being outside of Granville and distance. A discussion went at length between the Road Commissioner and the selectmen that also went into a discussion over the proposal to study the feasibility of a Town Highway Department. Questions and comments came from Cheryl Sargeant, Mary Falcon and Shawn and Marilyn Dougherty and Nancy Demers. Richard made a motion to appoint a committee to study forming a highway department and be ready for the next annual Town Meeting. Motion was seconded by Sean. All were in favor with none opposed. Sean then made the motion to award Griffin and Griffin Excavating a one year contract for winter maintenance. Motion was seconded by Richard. All were in favor with none opposed. Appointments to the committee will be made at the next meeting on August 14th. Richard stated he would like to negotiate the hour wage in the contract with Griffin & Griffin Excavating.

5. Consider Waiver for Late Homestead Filer Penalty Fee – The Town Clerk brought to the board’s attention that because Granville’s Homestead Education tax rate is higher than the Non-resident tax rate an 8% penalty fee for late homestead filers was automatically applied to this year’s tax bills. Municipalities may waive the penalty fee in part or up to 8%. This penalty fee would go to the town. Would the selectmen consider a waiver? After a discussion Sean moved to waive the penalty for just this year. Motion was seconded by Richard. Two voted their approval and Bruce abstained. The Town Clerk stated that those affected will be receiving a revised tax bill in the mail.

6. Approve Pay Orders- Orders were approved. Kevin will contact some of the contractors doing FEMA work regarding a request for more details on their invoices to meet FEMA standards.

Bruce commented he will be having a conversation with the attorney for EVKids after receiving an email requesting to reconsider/abate taxes on their property.

6. Items for Next Meeting

Make appointments to the Highway Department Committee.

Sign Winter Maintenance Contract with Griffin & Griffin Excavating.

7. Adjourn- Sean moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm. Motion was seconded by Richard. All were in favor with none opposed.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Kathy Werner
Town Clerk/Treasurer