

2TOWN OF GRANVILLE

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2017

In Attendance:

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

Road Commissioner Kevin Bagley,

Granville Volunteer Fire Department Chief Dan Sargeant

Pubic: Shawn and Marilyn Dougherty, Gene and Jacquelyn Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hotchkins, Cheryl Sargeant and Jim Dague

Approved

1. Questions & Comments from Visitors /Community Members

Richard Hotchkin's made the comment that a road closed sign on Buffalo Farm Road would be helpful. Kevin said the Road Closed sign has gone missing along with some other town road signs. It was noted that someone put wooden painted signs up to make up for the ones that have been stolen. There was a discussion over how the thefts could be prevented and the cost to the town to keep replacing them. It was noted that the Town received an email from William Wright regarding his property on Butz Road. Road construction is still ongoing and any issues should be resolved during the course of construction.

2. Amend/Approve Agenda

The topic of the Fire Station was added under #4 Road and Other Reports.

3. Approve July 24th Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Sean moved to accept the minutes which was seconded by Richard Poole. All were in favor with none opposed.

4. Road and Other Reports

- **Hear Report from Road Commissioner** – Kevin reported that the culvert washed on Maston Hill road during the July 1st storm event has been ordered. Kevin has been contacting subcontractors for estimates to do the work installing the culvert. On Kennedy Road, Bruce is still waiting to hear back from the adjoining land owner near the washed out bridge for permission to relocate the town road. On Butz Road, Kevin reported that the Bowl Mill is struggling with making crushed gravel in keeping with the town's schedule on the Butz Road project. After a discussion Kevin was given direction to find another source if needed to keep on schedule.
The Winter Road Contract-Sean made the motion to approve signing the one year contract with Griffin & Griffin Excavating INC. Motion was seconded by Richard Poole. All were in favor with none opposed. A Winter Sand Agreement with the same contractor has also been approved.
- **Constable Report** – Mark discussed with the board the proposal to purchase a Taser with a cost sharing between the Towns of Bethel and Rochester. The cost to Granville would be \$224.00 per year over a five year payment plan. Also discussed was a proposed Town Policy for the Taser that mark requested that the board adopt. Richard made the motion to accept the Taser Policy which was seconded by Sean. All were in favor with none opposed. The purchase agreement was signed with the stipulation that Bethel and Rochester agree to share the cost. On a different subject, Mark reported that Granville has signed up with the Vermont Alert System. Mark reported that the Town Hall painting is on hold pending the availability of a lift.

- **Fire House** – Dan Sargeant reported he will take the lead on the study of the Fire House Committee. Bruce Hyde and Victoria Crowne **are interested in being on** the committee. Anyone else who may be interested in participating may attend the Fire Departments meetings which are held the third Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm. Meetings are held at the fire station and are open to the public. Dan also proposed distributing information through email for those who are interested.

On another topic Dan wanted to know if the town plans to clear the fire hydrants of snow this winter. The board stated they will plow the hydrants on the town road shoulders and expects the F.D to maintain the hydrants on private driveways and off road.

5. Financials –

- **Selectmen's Orders**-were approved.
- **Review Financial Reports**-Financial reports were distributed.

6. Old Business

- **Appoint members to the Town Highway Study Committee**- Richard has taken the lead for the study committee and reported that he spoke with Diane and Mike Eramo regarding joining the committee. Both expressed interest but would not be able to participate until later in the year. Other names proposed included Dan and Cheryl Sargeant and Road Commissioner Kevin Bagley. Sean made the motion to start the Highway Committee to include the names proposed and to be headed by Richard Poole. Motion was seconded by Bruce. All were in favor with none opposed. Bruce volunteered to do a write up for a request for more volunteers to both the Fire House and Highway Study Committees for posting to the town website.
- **USPS Update**-Bruce reported that USPS will be coming to look at the three potential Post Office sites to do an architectural review.
- **EVKids Update**-Bruce reported that he has talked with their attorney and would like to hold a discussion with the town to lower their property taxes. The town should be expecting a tax payment for the current year but they still are two years delinquent. Bruce informed the attorney that until they are current and they settle the delinquencies then he will have a discussion with them regarding lowering their taxes. Bruce reported they plan to pay the delinquent taxes in full by the end of **November**.

5. New Business-

- **Route 100 Road Closure**-The closure was initially set for August 28 and 29 has now been moved to August 21 and 22. Motorists are advised that the closure will begin at 7:00 am and ending at 6:00pm both days with no through traffic between those hours. A culvert is being replaced in the Granville Gulf between Plunkton Road and North Hollow Road.

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6. Items for Next Meeting Agenda

- Update on Committees
- Update on USPS

7. Adjourn- Richard made the motion to adjourn at **7:52** pm. Motion was seconded by Sean. All were in favor with none opposed.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Kathy Werner
Town Clerk/Treasurer