

TOWN OF GRANVILLE

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2017

In Attendance:

Selectmen Bruce Hyde/Chair, Sean Linskey and Richard Poole

Kevin Bagley/Road Commissioner

Mark Belisle/Constable and Cemetery Commissioner

Nancy Demers/Assistant Town Clerk & Assistant Treasurer

Cemetery Commissioners Cheryl Sargeant and Rick Lee

Public: Mary Falcon, Judy Wood, Kate and Roger Stauss, Fritz and Vivian Branschofsky, Michael Cunningham, Jon Benson, Marilyn and Shawn Doughrity, Gene and Jacqueline Hammond

Call to Order 6:03 pm

Approved as Amended

1. Questions & Comments from Visitors /Community Members

Shawn Doughrity asked when the Select Board will start work on next year's budget. Bruce said probably in November. Sean L. reported that Cemetery Commissioner Rick Lee will be coming to the meeting around 5:30 and asked to add a line item to the Agenda to hear a Cemetery Report from Rick. (See added line item under Road and Other Reports).

2. Amend/Approve Agenda

3. Approve September 25th Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Sean L. moved to accept the minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Richard. All were in favor with none opposed.

4. Road and Other Reports

• **Hear Report from Road Commissioner**

Kevin reported that culverts on West Hill and Post Office Hill that need replacing were studied by an engineer from AOT. Kevin was advised by the engineer that areas showing slide off will need protective jersey barriers. The Town can either rent or buy the barriers. Comments from Mary Falcon and Judy Wood expressed concerns of narrowing sections of these road caused by erecting the barriers that may cause traffic hazards. Kevin reported the town will need around 100 feet of these jersey barriers. Kevin made a request to the Select Board to invite Griffin & Griffin Excavation to the next Selectmen's Meeting for a pre winter maintenance discussion, as required in the contract with the town.

Bruce reported on the proposal to relocate a section of road near the intersection of McDonald and Kennedy Road. Short Hill Ski Club passed a resolution within their club

to allow the town to relocate a section of town's road onto their land.

Next steps will be for the town to lay out the relocated road, set a Public Hearing and site visit and contact abutting land owners by certified mail. **Sean made a motion to move forward which was seconded by Richard. All in favor with none opposed.**

- **Hear From Cemetery Commissioner Chair**

Cemetery Commissioner Rick Lee reported there are two or three plots left in the original Elmwood Cemetery. Rick reported his original plan of access into the back lot (extension). The original Elmwood Cemetery has an existing road in place that could continue through and into the back cemetery extension lot that would serve as an access into the Elmwood Extension. Rick stated he would need outside assistance for laying out a cemetery plot grid for the Elmwood Extension and plans to have a discussion with the other commissioners about the matter.

Richard spoke to Commissioner Rick Lee about keeping an updated cemetery map in the town vault. Rick said he will bring his map into the town office and make sure the copy in the vault is up to date.

5. Financials

- **Approve Selectmen's Orders**

All Orders were approved by signing.

- **Review Financial Reports**

Financial Reports were submitted by the Treasurer.

6. Old Business

- **Update on USPS**

Engineers hired by USPS came out to look at the Old Town Clerk Office..

- **Update on Hammond and Doughrity VS Town of Granville Lawsuit**

The Town's Attorney has been in contact with the four Plaintiff by conference call on behalf of the Town. The Town has identified three areas of access into the Elmwood Cemetery Extension. One using the existing road in the Elmwood Cemetery that would continue through to the back lot extension, another would be through the easement with Fairpoint and a third through town property along the border with the original Elmwood Cemetery. Bruce clarified that the Cemetery Commissioners are elected and serve as a separate public body from the select board. The Selectmen have no authority to give direction to the Cemetery Commissioner board nor have any authority to design a cemetery plot grid, designate an entrance or design a parking area within the cemetery. It would be up to the Commissioners to decide which of the three areas identified by the selectmen as areas of access would best serve the cemetery. Gene Hammond stated he would like to see the town to move the Old Town Clerk Office building next to the Town Hall and open a Post Office over there.

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Bruce added that entering a lease with USPS will not interfere with access into the cemetery. The town will make sure access through town property bordering with Elmwood Cemetery will remain open if the town enters into a lease with the Postal Service. Marilyn asked where an access will enter Route 100 and Bruce stated until the commissioners make their decision the question will not be answered.

7. New Business

8. Items for Next Meeting's Agenda

Meet with Griffin & Griffin to discuss Winter Maintenance

9. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 5:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By;

Kathy Werner

Town Clerk/Treasurer