

Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2020

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In attendance:

Bruce Hyde, Chair, Richard Poole and James Dague; Selectboard, Kathy Werner, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Nancy Demers, Assistant Town Clerk; Norman Arseneault, FEMA Coordinator; Roger Stauss, Moderator and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Clerk

Public: Shawn & Marilyn Dougherty; Jay Benson; Robert “Butch” Foster; Matthew & Stacy O'Connell and 3 children; Debra Pierce, Vtrans; Rita Seto, Two Rivers Ottauquechee (TRORC) via facetime and Sarah Littlefield, TRORC

Call to Order: 5:30 p.m.

Public Communication:

- Bruce mentioned that Dennis Demers submitted a letter of resignation from the Planning Commission. Jim requested that the Selectboard defer the topic until a replacement was found Richard seconded. All in favor.
- Robert informed the Selectboard that he has published a book after 5 years of collecting stories about the Town of Granville and would like permission to hold a presentation at the Town Hall. He was instructed to work with the Town Clerk and perhaps could have a display at Town Meeting. A free copy was given to the Town.

Selection of Design Consultant for Town Line Culvert:

- Received 4 proposals and after a lengthy discussion it was determined that the Selectboard had further questions for the firms that needed to be addressed prior to a decision being made. [Debra Pierce \(VTrans rep.\)](#) stated that it is important that those questions are provided to her for review before any contact happens with the bidders.
- Also, as requested by VTrans, the Selectboard provided a letter to [change the MPM for this project from Rita to Tory.](#)
- Jim made the motion to sign the above mentioned letter and Richard seconded. All in favor.

Amend/Approve Agenda:

- Add Certification that there is No Suit Pending against the Town regarding the Grand List and a request from the Town Clerk to open a post office box at the Granville Post Office.

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Financial Reports:

- Orders were approved as written.
- Review financial statements and Treasurer's Report Jim requested that for the remainder of the fiscal year purchases be preapproved by the Selectboard prior to purchase.
- Norm mentioned that the Selectboard will need to prepare a change order for the West Hill FEMA project for extra work. An estimated \$8,000 of additional work was required and the FEMA line item within the road budget will need to be amended at Town Meeting. Working with Chris Bump of Vtrans to inspect the work performed and remaining work before Harvey's begins in the spring.
- Bruce mentioned that the cost of having trash and recycling hauled away will increase. The Selectboard will be researching possible options. There is a trash dumping issue on Buffalo Farm Road at the lower gate and the Constable will be asked to look into the matter.

Minutes:

- January 22, 2020 Minutes the reporter's version in the newspaper was discussed and it was decided that there is nothing that can be done about it. Dick made the motion to accept the minutes as written and Jim seconded. All those in favor.

New Business:

- Town Meeting Discussion Roger inquired about plans for a break when the Primary Voting ends at 7:00 p.m. Kathy will make an announcement and the Board of Civil Authority will count them after Town Meeting adjourns. No dinner break just refreshments. Bruce will explain Articles #2 and #3.

- Kennedy Road Parking Jay presented documents indicating a parking problem within the Town's 50 foot right-of-way along with Stacey and Matt. After a lengthy discussion Bruce instructed the property owners to present their concerns/options in writing to the Selectboard for further consideration.
- Website Jim is willing to instruct the other commissions and boards how to post agenda and minutes.

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Roads:

- Jim reports that the Town is in good shape for sand and no need to order more.
- US Forest Service (USFS) Cooperative Road Agreement Jim made the motion to table until he discussed it further with USFS and Bruce seconded. All in favor.

Old Business:

- ECFiber update at the Town Hall Consolidated Communications is no longer and the alarm line is still present.
- Constable Report none presented.

Public Communication and Comments:

- Marilyn mentioned that the Planning Commission's meeting was not properly warned; not posted at the Post Office or the fire station).

Items for Next Agenda:

- ABLE Waste contract
- Appointments for Year
- Emergency Management Plan
- Hazardous Material Report

Next meeting will be March 11, 2020 Organizational Meeting.

Jim made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. And Richard seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl L. Sargeant
Selectboard Clerk