

Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2020 via Zoom Meeting ID #83083275012

APPROVED

In attendance:

Bruce Hyde, Chair, James Dague and Steve Twitchell; Selectboard, Mark Belisle, Constable/Buildings & Grounds Manager, Dan Sargeant, Fire Chief, Kathy Werner, Town Clerk/Treasurer and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Clerk

Public: Jon Lambert, Danielle Cutting, Tonya Ashford, Charlie Needham, Mark Hammond, Stacey O'Connell, Douglas & Kristi Fuller, Ben Crowne, Marilyn & Shawn Dougherty and Thomas & Jacqueline Hammond

Call to Order: 5:00 p.m. with Bruce reading a paragraph regarding holding public meetings using video conferencing as recommended by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT).

Public Communication:

- Shawn pointed out that the School was looking at a 13.74 percent increase on the School budget which represents 23 cents for every \$100.00 of assessment (or \$230.00 for every \$100,000 of assessment). I realize it is not for this meeting but would like to hear your thoughts. Bruce did acknowledge the concern and given that Granville is a school choice town we do not have much say in the matter. The school meeting is being held via Zoom on June 29th with a vote to be held via mail-in ballots and drive through on June 30th. Jim asked if anything was to be mailed out prior and Bruce has been trying to get information from the School Board member Stacey Peters but has not heard anything back. Shawn also pointed out that the school's website is not up-to-date and wondered where to get information. Bruce said that you have to go to the Supervisory Union's website to get the information.
- Stacey presented a letter to the Selectboard regarding continued issues with parking and use of the section of Kennedy Road that goes through their property. After some discussion Bruce said that it would be looked into further and would be on the July Agenda for discussion.

Amend/Approve Agenda:

- Move the discussion up for Fireworks/Explosives

Financial Reports:

- Orders were approved as written with Jim making the motion to have Bruce sign the orders on behalf of the Board Steve seconded. All in favor.
- Review financial statements dated June 8th were approved.
- Treasurer's Reports were reviewed.
- Line of Credit Tax Anticipation Jim made the motion to authorize the Treasurer to pay down the Line of Credit with the funds received. Then to authorize the Treasurer to seek a Tax Anticipation Loan for the remaining amount and Steve seconded. All in favor.
- August 18th Tax Due Date Bruce explained that the Town would not have the School tax rate until August 1st and because you have to give the tax payer 30 days notice we need to move the due date to September 15th. Jim made the motion to change the property tax due date from August 18th to September 15th and Steve seconded. All in favor.
- Audit Discussion and Action Nancy Beattie researched other auditors and found a firm that was half the cost. Kathy was not comfortable calling for references and asked the Selectboard to check them. Bruce will follow up with the auditors and contact references. Jim made the motion to table the item until July and Steve seconded. All in favor.
- Internal Financial Controls Checklist was review with one change to be made. Jim made the motion to approve the checklist with the edit and Steve seconded. All in favor.

Minutes:

- May 11, 2020 Minutes Jim made the motion to approve as posted and Steve seconded. All those in favor.

New Business:

- Fireworks/Explosives Dan was asking the Selectboard for their guidance in issuing firework permits for the upcoming summer season. Bruce mentioned that he knew there were several complaints on explosives on Post Office Road and that on one occasion the Vermont State Police were called. Dan did acknowledge that he would rather focus on the Town as a whole and get advice from the Selectboard to see if there should be limits on areas, days, etc. Would rather not have an ordinance but put into the current permit application the length of time to shoot them off and to end by 10:00 p.m. After a lengthy public discussion Bruce and Dan will work together to update the current permit application.
- Dirt Bikes Ben mentioned that he had reached out to the community and had a discussion and is working on a plan for riding and track modifications to eliminate some of the loud noises. Bruce said that he was glad he reached out to the community and hopes that it all works out. Cheryl and Doug said Thank you!
- Corona Virus Update – mailing Cheryl will look into mailing a one page flyer to the community regarding a Food Insecurity Survey being conducted by Vermont Law School students. Bruce would like to get the word out about this survey and Cheryl volunteered to see if the US Postal Service could mail it for the Town for \$33.00. Jim made the motion to have the survey mailed and Steve seconded. All in favor.
- Dan, Cheryl, Megan and Victoria have volunteered to work on the Pop Up Food Delivery put on by HOPE of Middlebury on Friday; June 19th from 10:00 a.m. To 1:00 p.m. At the Moss Glen Grange Hall. Residents of Granville, Hancock and Ripton need to call HOPE in advance to have a box packaged for them for pick up.
- FEMA Risk Mapping Bruce attended the Zoom Meeting and FEMA will be redoing the maps and want input on areas in the flood plains.

- School Vote ballots should be mailed out by the School Board. Polls open at 7:00 a.m. On June 30th. Kathy called the Secretary of State's Office as she does not have any information and/or ballots. She is calling a meeting of the Board of Civil Authority to discuss the matter once she has more information.

Old Business:

- Steeple update Bruce waiting to hear from the Historic Preservation Trust Fund grant.
- ECFiber update telephone is still an issue and not being charged for the line right now. The router needs to have a cable connection made and then it will be working. Jim will contact Mark to see if he can do that prior to next Monday.
- Constable Report none presented. Bruce will ask Mark if he can install the radar trailer on North Hollow Road to slow down speeders.

Roads:

- FEMA West Hill Slide is completed by Harvey's and they have submitted a final invoice for payment which is less than originally thought. Jim made the motion to accept the project as satisfactorially complete and Steve seconded. All in favor.
- Jim Town Line Road is graded and had to purchase more to finish the project. Bruce indicated that he received a call from 813 Town Line Road indicating that there was a dip at the end of their driveway that needs to be fixed. Jim will look into the matter and have it taken care of.
- The sand pile will be put up in July.
- Any thought on Jim's replacement as his term expires on July 1st.

Roads: (continued)

- Bruce brought up the mowing of the roadsides and Jim will look into that this week. Jim mowing of the Commons according to the grant no mowing is to take place around the trees planted along the river bank. Steve will stop that on the next mowing. Bruce said the blueberries are coming back with the mowing and it looks nice.
- Stacey says the Kennedy Road sign is down along with the Stop sign. She offered to move them to the Town Hall and after discussion it was agreed that is where they will be taken.
- Town Line Road Culvert Update waiting to hear back from Vtrans.
- Snow Removal Contract for 2020-2021 has been signed by the contractor and Bruce signed it on behalf of the Town.

Public Communication and Comments:

- Danielle asked what the Town Clerk's hours were and Kathy informed her that they are Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. Until 4:00 p.m.

Items for Next Agenda:

- Appoint Road Commissioner
- Kennedy Road Issues
- Fireworks Permit
- Outside Auditor

Next meeting will be July 13, 2020 regular meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Jim made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. And Steve seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl L. Sargeant
Selectboard Clerk