

Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes  
July 13, 2020 via Zoom Meeting ID #82337313159  
**APPROVED**

**In attendance:**

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

**Public:** Alice Benson, Megan Bender, Sibon Neil, Gail Webster, Walter Englehardt, Matthew & Stacy O'Connell, Kenneth Beattie, Malcolm Appleton, 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:**

- Matt & Stacy brought up the discussion at the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding parking on Kennedy Road. After a lengthy discussion with the affected property owners it was decided to look into the matter further with the assistance of the Selectboard.

**Amend/Approve Agenda:**

- None were presented.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> were approved for use in setting the tax rate on August 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Treasurer's Reports were reviewed.
- Line of Credit Tax Anticipation Jim made the motion to authorize the Treasurer to take out a Line of Credit in Anticipation of Taxes in the amount of \$250,000.00 and Steve seconded. All in favor.

**Minutes:**

- June 8, 2020 Minutes Jim made the motion to approve as posted and Steve seconded. All those in favor.

**New Business:**

- Audit Discussion and Action Bruce mentioned that the Town would be having a full audit performed with the assistance of the Town Auditors. It was recommended that the Town hire Telling and Hillman PC to perform the audit. Jim made the motion to approve the recommendation and to have Bruce sign the contract on behalf of the Selectboard and Steve seconded. All in favor.
- Act on Request for Public Event at Town Hall Bruce recommends that no Town complex use permits be given for the remaining calendar year due to the COVID pandemic. Jim made the motion to deny the request before the Selectboard and Steve seconded. All in favor.

**Old Business:**

- Steeple update Bruce is still waiting to hear from the Historic Preservation Trust Fund grant.
- Fireworks/explosion update Vermont State Police have been involved with complaints.
- ECFiber update the router has been installed with good access in the Town Hall parking lot. Router is located inside of the building.
- Constable Report none presented.
- Chimney update Bruce reports that we are waiting for the report from the Vermont League of Cities and Town (VLCT) insurance engineer.
- Corona Virus update Bruce is still meeting every other week now. HOPE will be holding a second food drop on July 17<sup>th</sup> at the Moss Glen Grange Hall for Granville, Hancock and Rochester residents.

**Old Business:** (continued)

- School Vote is August 11<sup>th</sup> and Kathy explained that if you want an absentee ballot you must request one from the Town Clerk. The postcard from the Secretary of State's Office is just for absentee ballots for the Primary being held the same day.

**Roads:**

- Appoint Road Commissioner Bruce made the motion to appoint Jim and Steve seconded. All in favor.
- Road Commissioner update Jim reports that he ordered 13 culverts to be delivered later this week (4 designated for the Maston Hill project, 3 designated for the North Hollow Road project and 6 to have on hand). Will have winter sand hauled any day now. The crusher to make gravel for the roads may be here in the next 2 weeks.
- Town Line Road Culvert update no word from Vtrans.
- Road Signs resetting Kennedy Road name and stop signs are awaiting for Vtrans to schedule that work. Mark asked that the other road signs be installed as well to meet E911 needs and to help with deliveries.
- Jim requested a Special Selectboard meeting for Saturday; July 18<sup>th</sup> to appoint a Road Foreman; job description sent earlier, discuss grants and the proposed Class 4 Road Permit Application form. Bruce will prepare the Agenda for posting.

**Public Communication and Comments:**

- Gail and Alice would like to work on coming to an agreement with the property owners on how to best use the lower portion of Kennedy Road and would like to have the Selectboard help to accomplish this.

Next meeting will be July 18, 2020 special meeting at 9:00 a.m. And August 10, 2020 regular meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Jim made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m. And Steve seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl L. Sargeant  
Selectboard Clerk