

Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2021 via Zoom Meeting ID #82770510025
APPROVED

In attendance: Bruce Hyde, Chair, Rachel Grigorian and Jennifer Page Stickney; Selectboard, Mark Belisle, Constable, Diane Eramo, Zoom Meeting Administrator, Stephanie Walker, Planning Commissioner, Kenneth Beattie, Road Foreman, Marilyn Dougherty, Website Manager and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Clerk

Public: Shawn Dougherty, Judith Wood and Jeffrey and Alyssa Gladchun

Call to Order: 5:31 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 inquired about the April 5th Planning Commission meeting minutes and indicated that they had not been posted which is in violation of V.S.A. Rachel indicated that she had e-mailed them to Kathy not realizing they also had to be sent to Marilyn for posting to the Town's website. Stephanie asked if the Agenda was to be posted. Bruce responded that yes in the 4 places (Town Hall, Post Office, fire station and the store) as well as on the Town's website. Cheryl indicated she had noticed that the Zoom meeting information was missing from the Agenda and that the closure was not necessary. All noted by the Planning Commission members present. Bruce indicated that he would like to see all meetings posted to the Town's calendar.

Amend/Approve Agenda:

- No changes made.

Financial Reports:

- Orders were e-mailed on Thursday; April 8th Rachel moved to have Bruce sign on behalf of the Selectboard and approved all bills and Jennifer seconded. All in favor.
- Review Financial Reports Bruce indicated that the winter has been good to us and the Plowing and Sanding budgets are below what we had budgeted for.
- Treasurer's Report – Grants outstanding are for ditching North Hollow and Plunkton Roads.

Minutes:

- March 8, 2021 Organizational meeting Bruce requested that a change be made regarding the Planning Commission appointments Rachel Grigorian was reappointed as a voting member. Jennifer moved to approve as amended and Bruce seconded. Two in favor and 1 abstained.

New Business

- Steeple proposals Bruce indicated that 3 were submitted; Jan Lewendowski \$104,000.00; Jay Southgate of Steeple Jacks \$75,000.00 for an all copper steeple which is not within Historic Preservation's requirements and Valley Restoration of CT \$41,600.00 which is not within Historic Preservation's requirements and \$96,500.00 following Historic Preservation's requirements. Bruce forwarded the low bidder's proposal to Historic Preservation for review and comments. He also recommended that this item be tabled until the May meeting for further research. Jennifer and Rachel both agreed as well as Mark.
- Town Hall Rental the Bach Bash group would like to once again rent the Town Hall for its June concert. Jennifer made the motion to accept the rental request with the State's COVID19 guidance in place for gatherings Rachel seconded. All in favor.
- Town Laptops 3 laptops available for Town employees need to draft a Policy. Mark indicated that he is in need of one; Ken is using the old one Jim Dague had for his work and Rachel asked if the Town could possibly have a computer available for the school children to use if they don't have one at home. Marilyn inquired if Mark had budgeted for a new one which he had but if allowed to have one it would save the Town money. Bruce indicated that he would work with Kathy on a Policy and talk further at the May meeting. Bruce made the motion to allow Mark to use 1 of them and Rachel seconded. All in favor.

New Business (continued)

- Planning Commission Update there are several people interested in joining Rachel indicated they have lots planned and could use their help and would hate to discourage volunteers. Jennifer agrees it would be best to have more members and to have the cell tower people recuse themselves. Bruce indicated that they currently have 3 members and there are 4 people interested in joining. After a short discussion it was recommended that Bruce and Jennifer make the appointments to avoid any conflict. Bruce made the motion to appoint 4 new members; Diane Eramo, Judy Wood, Joe Trueman and John Hogenboom and Jennifer seconded. Two in favor and 1 abstained.
- Community Garden Rachel indicated that the Planning Commission would like to revitalize the garden space at the Commons. Bruce indicated that East Granville could possibly have one as well on the buy-out property on Handley Road along with a community bulletin board. Jennifer will look into that.
- Public Trails Rachel indicated that the Planning Commission would like to look into a connecting trail off of VT Route 100 to connect the 2 village centers.

Old Business:

- Constable Report Mark indicated that he will be putting out the radar board weather permitting at the end of April. In regards to grants he has found that he is not eligible for them.
- Buildings and Grounds Mark indicated that the walkways at the municipal complex and US Post Office have been cleaned up. Will be working on the roof and ramp projects shortly. Diane asked what was wrong with the ramps and it was clarified that it is the metal ramp that does not meet ADA requirements along with other issues.
- Appointments Bruce would like to appoint members to the Conservation Commission despite thoughts of merging with the Planning Commission. Jennifer made the motion to appoint Jami Dague and Amy Carst and Rachel seconded. All in favor.

Old Business (continued)

- Cell Tower update Bruce indicated that there will be a second hearing at the end of the month with a 2 week comment period which Diane and Judy indicated would only be 1 week. The Department of Public Service seems to think the hearing will be the first week of May. Bruce indicated that he would like the Town to send a letter requesting to be an intervener and that we need answers to the following: Coverage area (Post Office Hill to the Warren town line) the State through its independent contractor found that it would be intermittent and/or discontinuous; Will there be any fuel storage protection; Decommissioning Plan and putting back to original state. Jeff would like the Town to also address the aesthetics as indicated in the Town Plan; Bruce to include as well. Shawn asked about the balloon test that they did not show the area from Patterson Brook which was impacted and Jeff indicated that you also can see over the ridge line. Rachel made the motion to write the letter with the points discussed and Jennifer seconded. All in favor.

Roads:

- Ken indicated it is still too early to grade the roads. The “speed bump” near the Lee's on Post Office Hill Road was discussed and Ken indicated that it needs a culvert but will look at it in the meantime.
- Grants and Permits none discussed.
- Spring Work Plan Culverts on Buffalo Farm Road, Post Office Hill Road and North Hollow Road. Bruce requested Ken draft specifications on all the planned culvert work to get contractor proposals. Graveling on North Hollow and Town Line Roads. Bruce asked about the pavement sweeping if Charlie Smith was going to perform again. Ken will look into it further. It was agreed by Bruce and Ken that they would schedule a meeting with Charlie to discuss the 2021/2022 winter roads and sand pile and report at the May meeting.

Public Communication and Comments

- Mark indicated that he will be going to New York for training in June.

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Next meeting will be a regular meeting on May 10, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Rachel made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. And Bruce seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Sargeant

Selectboard Clerk