

Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2021

APPROVED

In attendance: Bruce Hyde, Chair and Jennifer Page Stickney; Selectboard, Kathy Werner, Town Clerk/Treasurer, Mark Belisle, Constable, Kenneth Beattie, Road Foreman, Marilyn Dougherty, Website Manager and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Clerk. Bruce indicated that Rachel Grigorian was out of town.

Public: Shawn Dougherty, Alice Benson, Gail Webster, Rick and Kathryn Stauss; Corner School Resource Center.

Call to Order: 5:57 p.m.

Public Communication:

- Gail voiced concerns regarding Kennedy Road; the road name sign, visibility issues at the intersection with VT Route 100, no parking available due to logs within the Town's right-of-way and the Town's plans to no longer allow overnight parking at the Town Hall, the VAST bridge at Dave Perry's camp and debris left on her property from a washed out bridge. After a lengthy discussion including Alice, Ken and Bruce it was agreed the Bruce and Ken would address issues weather permitting this week. The VAST bridge is planned to be repaired by the Route 100 Snowtravelers Club this fall.
- Shawn inquired about the fire tanker at the fire station. Bruce indicated that the fire department sought grants but was not successful and would like to sell it. The topic would be discussed at a later Selectboard meeting.
- Marilyn indicated that the meeting minutes for June 12, 2021 were incorrect to indicate that it was her that wanted the website administrator on the monthly agenda when it was actually Bruce that made the suggestion.

Amend/Approve Agenda:

- Mark asked that the Town's ATV Policy be added to the Agenda.

Financial Reports:

- Open Bids for Plunkton Road – K & S Construction \$15,000.00; Xcav8 \$8,238.00 and ECS \$6,356.00
- Open Bids for North Hollow Road – Xcav8 \$13,800.00; K & S Construction \$25,600.00 and ECS \$11,156 including hammering.

Financial Reports: (continued)

After a short discussion with input from Ken; Bruce made the motion to award both projects to ECS and Jennifer seconded. All in favor.

No bids were received for the roof replacement project. The selectboard agreed to readvertise at a later date.

- Set Tax Rate Bruce indicated that according to Kathy's Tax Rate Sheet the Municipal Budget has a \$17,000.00 surplus and the Highway Budget has a \$32,000.00 which will be deposited into the new Highway Capital Fund. Thus; the new rate will be .555 down from .70/.71 and the School Rate is down .10. Bruce made the motion to set the 2021/2022 Municipal Tax Rate at .555 and Jennifer seconded. All in favor.
- Tax Anticipation Loan Kathy would like to request a new loan to pay for the School Tax in the amount of \$100,000.00. Shawn asked if this was in addition to the other loan and Kathy indicated that the other loan has been paid in full. Bruce made the motion to allow the Town Treasurer to apply for a Tax Anticipation Loan and Jennifer seconded. All in favor.
- Orders were e-mailed on Thursday; July 8th for the year ending June 30, 2021 and a few for the new fiscal year; Jennifer made the motion to accept the orders as presented and Bruce seconded. All in favor.
- Review Financial Reports Shawn pointed out that the July 1st report showed a Budget vs Actual showing what looked like quarterly figures. Kathy indicated that it was an error and the report should be shredded. An accurate report will be available at the next meeting.
- Treasurer's Report – No Comments
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Bruce indicated that the Town applied for \$20,000.00 and no guidance yet. Kate indicated that according to VTBIZ Granville is to receive \$30,000.00 by 2024 and no guidance has been posted. Marilyn asked if it would be deposited into a separate account and Bruce indicated it would per guidance. Jennifer made the motion to accept the funding and Bruce seconded. All in favor.

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Minutes:

- June 14, 2021 Bruce made the motion to approve as written and Jennifer seconded. All in favor.

New Business

- Website Update Marilyn still looking into .gov e-mail addresses there will be a cost. Also looking into Town e-mails with WordPress. Kate offered assistance from Robert Stauss. Marilyn would like more photos of Granville activities for the website already have a link to historical photos from the Corner School Resource Center.
- Corner School Update Kate indicated they will be hosting a celebration on Sunday; August 15th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. With refreshments hopefully provided by the Moss Glen Grange. All are welcome.

Old Business:

- Constable Report Mark indicated that he was unable to get funding for a new radio and radar equipment. The video camera he was able to find a refurbished unit. He is now a certified taser instructor.
- ATV Policy Mark indicated it would be enforceable if an ordinance and the Town needs to put up signs for the trail. Cheryl asked if it was legal to ride them on VT Route 100 and Mark indicated that it was not.
- Buildings and Grounds Mark indicated that he could not get the old refrigerator picked up; Bruce would help. The parking lot light has a sensor issue and the fire department is to clean the sensor and if not fixed will have to order a replacement. According to the Vermont League of Cities & Towns inspector the playground equipment needs padding under it. The basement door lock needs to be replaced and the bulkhead door needs painting; Mark to take care of these items.
- Cell Tower Update Bruce indicated that AT&T has asked for a stay they are looking into a new location on the ridge and will need to conduct another balloon test and frequency test.

Old Business (continued):

- Town Laptop Policy and Agreement Bruce indicated that it is not ready yet Mark and Kathy have concerns.
- No Overnight Parking Mark received them and asked Ken to help install.
- Granville Commons Sign Bruce is looking for a donor to design and build. East Granville bulletin board Jennifer showed the design and her husband, Brett will build and install.
- Town E-mail list nothing new.

Roads:

- Road Foreman Report 2,400 yards of gravel used need more grading on Maston Hill and Post Office Hill Road. Only enough culverts to do 4 projects this summer and found the Town's yolk rake.
- Roadside Mowing Dan will be able to do soon equipment problems. Bruce indicated he would mow 10 feet in and cut branches.
- Grants applying for the Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission Culvert Inventory Grant which is done each year.
- Patterson Brook retaining wall sustaint some damage from an accident but nothing major.
- Road Signs will be installed with the help from Bruce and Travis.

Public Communication and Comments:

- Marilyn asked if we could have a Sheriff around when Mark was out of Town. Mark indicated there was no money in the current budget.
- Kathy indicated that the Property Tax Bills would be mailed on Thursday; July 15th.

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Items for Next Meeting:

- Roof Replacement Bid
- Lap Top Policy and Use Agreement
- Roads
- Tax Anticipation Loan
- Cell Tower Update
- E-Mail List

Next meeting will be a regular meeting on August 9, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl L. Sargeant
Selectboard Clerk