

Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2021

APPROVED

In attendance: Bruce Hyde, Chair, Rachel Grigorian and Jennifer Page Stickney; Selectboard, Kathy Werner, Town Clerk/Treasurer, Danial Sargeant, Granville Volunteer Fire Department Chief, Kenneth Beattie, Road Foreman, Marilyn Dougherty, Website Manager and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Clerk.

Public: Shawn Dougherty and Ronald Millard; Corner School Resource Center.

Call to Order: 5:35 p.m.

Public Communication:

- Shawn inquired about the proposed trail system in Granville and how affected property owners were to be contacted, etc. Rachel; Chair of the Planning Commission indicated that as soon as they have a preliminary map they will present it. Ron inquired if the trail system would be similar to the Mad River Trail System. Rachel has contacted at least 2 property owners with push back and found that part of the trail system will actually be along VT Route 100 connecting the 2 village centers and it would be similar to the Mad River Trail System. The State will not allow development through the Granville Gulf Reservation they will not be coming to Granville after all they will head west into Middlebury.
- Shawn then inquired about the Conservation Commission not holding meetings for the past 2 years and plans to use their funds by the Planning Commission. After a brief discussion Rachel volunteered to reach out to Megan Bender; Chair to acquire a sense of the situation.
- Ron reminded the Selectboard that the Corner School Resource Center event will be held on Sunday; August 15th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. With the unvailing of the historic marker and presentations by families of former students.
- Marilyn indicated that she received an e-mail indicating that the Zoom meeting account had not been paid after 2 attempts on the credit card on file. Bruce indicated to ignore and the Town will get another account if needed in the future.

Amend/Approve Agenda:

- None presented

Financial Reports:

- Orders – Kathy indicated that the invoice for Rick Favor was actually for last fiscal year and that would change the municipal surplus amount.
- Financial Reports – No comments
- Treasurer's Report – No comments

Financial Reports (continued):

- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Bruce indicated that the Town had received its first ARAPA payment of approximately \$16,000.00 and the voters will be asked for input on where to spend it once the Town knows the guidelines.

Minutes:

- July 12, 2021 Rachel made the motion to approve as written and Jennifer seconded. All in favor.

New Business

- Website Update Marilyn The WordPress version for the Town's website doesn't offer e-mail address service through the website at no cost. Would like to look into backing up the website and then updating it with assistance from the woman at the Rochester Public Library Jim Dague had suggested. Marilyn will try to find a backup web administrator.
- GVFD Tanker Update Dan indicated that they are seeking Selectboard approval to enter into a loan for a 3,000 gallon tanker found in New York. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to sell the out of service tanker to the highest bidder and to see if the ARAPA funds could be used to help purchase the replacement along with using fund raising money. Dan will write the advertisement for posting to the website and newspaper with bids to be opened at the September 13th meeting.
- There was an accident with the Rescue Truck on July 31,2021 when the brakes failed and hit a tree. The truck was drivable and a claim has been submitted to our VLCT Insurance.
- ATV Use on Town Roads Bruce indicated they must be registered, insured, wearing a helmet and riding on approved roads. Mark will need to patrol in areas of concern and issue citations if necessary; item for next Selectboard meeting.
- Town Hall Rental tabled until the September meeting.

Old Business:

- Constable Report none presented
- Buildings and Grounds none presented
- Roof Update none presented
- Cell Tower Update Bruce indicated a balloon test and radio frequency test were performed at the new site and the balloons apparently were not visible along North Hollow Road or at the top of Post Office Hill Road. The Town is awaiting for a response from the Department of Public Service.

Old Business (continued):

- Laptop Policy no progress awaiting final input from Mark for public safety security. After a short discussion Rachel made the motion to sign the policy as presented to get the others out to whom may need them and Jennifer seconded. All in favor.
- Town E-mail list Cheryl will develop and update her list. The new list with help from Rachel and Marilyn will help to notify folks of important updates regarding meetings, road conditions and functions around town. Rachel and Marilyn will post requests for address submittals on Front Porch Forum and the Town's website.

Roads:

- Road Foreman Report the Town has received its portion of money for erosion control to be used by next summer.
- Roadside Mowing Dan hopes to mow next week renting equipment if necessary.
- Grade Maston Hill Road this fall. Waiting for the crusher to make gravel to put on North Hollow Road above Parker's heading north.
- Kennedy Road cleaned up and cleaned out the water bars; property owner satisfied.
- US Forest Service Grant Cheryl to forward contact information so a meeting can be scheduled for proposed work on Forest Road 55.
- VAST Trail/Bridge no word yet and VAST to repair the bridge railing.
- Beaver issues on Maston Hill Road and Post Office Hill Road to contact Fish & Wildlife for suggestions.

Public Communication and Comments:

- Bruce indicated that the steeple work would be performed this fall.
- Rachel indicated she received an e-mail from Megan and the Conservation Commission would be meeting in September. Shawn asked that their Agenda be posted.

Items for Next Meeting:

- Roof Replacement Bid
- Lap Top Issuance
- ARPA Funds
- Roads
- Fire Tanker Bids
- Cell Tower Update

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Next meeting will be a regular meeting on September 13, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Jennifer made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. And Rachel seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Sargeant

Selectboard Clerk