

Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes  
September 13, 2021

**APPROVED**

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

Public: Shawn Dougherty, Lisa, John Lambert, Nancy Shaw and Harley Vadnis, Granville Volunteer Fire Department members

Call to Order: 5:35 p.m. Bruce indicated that Jennifer Page Stickney is unable to attend.

**Public Communication:**

- Shawn inquired about the Conservation Commission not meeting according to Title 24VSA5054 having to elect a Chair and other officers annually and their bylaws indicate that they shall hold a meeting the second Monday of each month. Bruce indicated that Rachel was trying to follow up with Megan and that the Town will have to vote on the funds held and potential disbandment at Town Meeting.
- Shawn inquired about hearing that someone was dumping sand at the intersection of Maston Hill Road and VT Route 100. Bruce indicated that Ken had spoken to the individual and they will stop.
- Shawn inquired about the proposed trail system map from the Bowl Mill to the Town Clerk's Office. Rachel; Chair of the Planning Commission indicated that as soon as they have a preliminary map they will present it to the public and asked that he attend the Planning Commission meeting to join in the conversation.

**Amend/Approve Agenda:**

- None presented

**Financial Reports:**

- Orders – Kathy indicated that there were no Highway invoices. Rachel made the motion to approve the orders as presented and Bruce seconded. All in favor.
- Financial Reports – No comments
- Treasurer's Report – Kathy indicated that there were just 3 grants left.
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Bruce made the motion to deposit the money into a separate interest bearing account and Rachel seconded. All in favor.
- Tax Map Update – Kathy indicated that it would cost \$1,600.00 for 2 years (\$800.00/year) beginning in April 2022 to keep up with transfers, etc. Bruce made the motion to approve the contract and Rachel seconded. All in favor.

**Financial Reports (continued):**

- Loans – signing the Line of Credit for the Tax Anticipation Loan and the Steeple Repair Line of Credit. Bruce made the motion to sign both applications and Rachel seconded. All in favor.

**Minutes:**

- August 9, 2021 Bruce made the motion to approve as amended and Rachel seconded. All in favor.

**New Business**

- Website Update Marilyn The WordPress version for the Town's website is outdated as well as the plugins. Marilyn purchased an external hard drive to backup the website and then updating it. She will be adding a Frequently Asked Questions section to help visitors to the site. Rachel asked if moving to another website publisher would make it easier like Wix; Marilyn to look into further along with cost.
- GVFD 1982 Tanker Update Dan wrote the advertisement and after a brief discussion it was agreed to have Cheryl work with Dan to advertise on Facebook Marketplace, Craig's List, Offer Up and other websites and postings. If an offer comes in the Selectboard would be contacted to make the decision to sell.
- GVFD 1992 Replacement Tanker they received a loan and are committed to raising the funds to help repay the loan. Held a coin drop and raised \$2,000.00 and other residents have offered to hold fund raisers.
- GVFD Financial Reports Bruce reminded them to file their financials, equipment inventory, maintenance reports and other documents in contract must be in the vault at the Town Clerk's Office. Asked if the Agreement needed to be updated; Dan and Bruce will look into. Dispatching Service cost increase will be in the new budget and Bruce will talk with Legislatures to seek help with that.
- GVFD Rescue Truck is at G. Stone Motors for body work and then taken to Service for brake system work. Dan will followup later this week and VLCT insurance to cover body work not certain about the brake system. Kathy can help look into that.
- 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.
- Town Hall Rental Bruce moved to have the Town Clerk approve the application upon consultation with the Selectboard Chair and Rachel seconded. All in favor.

**Old Business:**

- Constable Report radar trailer was on Maston Hill Road now moved to East Granville.

**Old Business (continued):**

- Buildings and Grounds working on VLCT's insurance inspection findings; batteries in emergency lights, furnaces have been cleaned and the ADA issues with the ramp in front of the Town Hall.
- Roof Update Bruce indicated that he had received an estimate from Iron Horse around \$23,000.00 for standing seam over the existing roof and add \$9,000.00 to remove the shingles if the Town decides to do this. Other proposals will be sought after.
- Lap Top Use the policy is approved and not ready to issue the 2 available.
- Steeple Renovation Bruce indicated that the contractor still plans on performing the work this fall; they were delayed by the storms.
- Commons Maintenance to mow the FEMA buyout area (Severence and Bagley properties) to stop the overgrowth. The matter was Tabled until the October meeting.
- Cell Tower Update Bruce indicated a radio frequency test would be performed on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. And it was still in a Stay on the new location and the Agency of Natural Resources was looking into according to an e-mail he received that morning.

**Roads:**

- Road Foreman Report none presented.
- Roadside Mowing Dan 1 more pass on Butz and Maston Hill Roads probably 2 more weekends to finish.
- North Hollow and Plunkton Road Projects Bruce indicated that the contractor would notify the Town prior and will put up signs probably later this month. Marilyn will post a notice on the website.
- Fall Work grading some areas and crowning adjustments.
- US Forest Service Grant Ken is working with the Forest Service on proposed work on Forest Road 55.
- Road Signs Dan indicated that the North Hollow Road sign in the Gulf was missing again.

**Public Communication and Comments:**

- Bruce asked if Rachel could speak with Judy regarding her hedge.

**Items for Next Meeting:**

- Roof Replacement
- Lap Top Issuance
- Roads
- Auditor Schedule for Town Report
- Cell Tower Update

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Next meeting will be a regular meeting on October 11, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Bruce made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. And Rachel seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl L. Sargeant  
Selectboard Clerk