

Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2021

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In attendance: Bruce Hyde, Chair, Rachel Grigorian and Jennifer Page Stickney via telephone Selectboard, Kathy Werner, Town Clerk/Treasurer, Marilyn Dougherty, Website Manager and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Clerk

Public: Shawn Dougherty and Judith Wood

Call to Order: 5:34 p.m.

Public Communication:

- Bruce indicated that Ken Beattie would not be attending as he was not feeling well.
- Shawn inquired about the status of the Planning Commission holding meetings, etc. The Selectboard members and Judy indicated that they were not sure what their plans were. Rachel indicated that she would reach out to Diane to see what they plan to do.
- Shawn indicated he had questions regarding the Financials and the Proposed Budget and would wait until those items came up for discussion.

Amend/Approve Agenda:

- Jennifer requested that the sand for East Granville be added to the Roads.

Financial Reports:

- Orders – Shawn inquired about the cost for the Constable's cell phone and mileage for \$761.58. Bruce indicated that it was for car insurance, animal control and \$20.00 in cell phone expense. Shawn also indicated that the Constable Supplies was over by \$230.00. Kathy indicated that was due to 2 invoices from Axon for taser training and instructor certification. Bruce indicated that the Budget is an estimate and sometimes overrun. They would inform the Constable of the situation. Jennifer moved to remove the payment of \$375.00 for taser instructor training and Rachel seconded. All in favor.
- Reports – No questions presented and Bruce indicated they are still awaiting invoices for grading.
- Grants – North Hollow and Steeple submitting payment information and awaiting reimbursement.
- Town Audit – Kathy indicated they are working on it.
- Budget Worksheet – After a review and changes made it was indicated that more work would be done once requests were received.
- Warned Articles – Conservation Commission request to disband and to move the money to another fund (i.e. playground upgrade and the Commons) Bruce will draft. Mark Belisle indicated that the Moss Glen Grange #554 property tax exemption was up for vote. Consideration for a Warned Article for a possible reopening of Buffalo Farm Road as a Class 3 road.

Minutes:

- November 8, 2021 Rachel made the motion to approve as amended and Jennifer seconded. All in favor.

New Business:

- Website Update – None presented.
- Assessor Contract – Rachel made the motion to approve for the following year and Jennifer seconded. All in favor.
- Town Report Schedule – Kathy indicated that it would have to be submitted to the printer no later than January 26th. Bruce requested to have all reports and budget requests submitted no later than January 10th. Cheryl will follow-up with an e-mail to the Chairs and organizations informing them of the deadline.
- Telecommunications Ordinance/Petition - Judy indicated that she submitted a petition for a non-binding vote for approval of the DRAFT telecommunications ordinance she wrote. After a discussion Bruce and Judy would work on wording.
- Mask Ordinance – After a brief discussion it was determined that the local businesses and the Town Clerk would do what was appropriate for their establishments

Old Business:

- Constable Report – None presented.
- Buildings & Grounds – None presented
- Roof Update – Bruce indicated that he received a proposal from the steeple contractor which was less than the roofers bid. Further discussion at a later date.
- Cell Tower Update – Bruce indicated that AT&T was working with the Agency of Natural Resources and the Department of Public Service to submit a new application for the new site.
- GVFD Equipment/Vehicle Update – None presented
- Fire Department Building – Bruce and Rachel indicated that they both had spoken to Marc Bannon. Mr. Bannon indicated that he spoke to the former fire chief 10 years ago about the proposed project and the property is unable to have a project of that size on it. After discussion and concerns voiced it was determined that the Building Committee would have to convene to discuss options.

Roads:

- Road Foreman Report – None presented
- Equipment Grant – Ken asked if he could apply for a \$5,600.00 maximum grant with a 20% local match for a rear attached blower to clean ditches prior to grading the roads. Rachel made the motion to approve the request and Jennifer seconded. All in favor.
- East Granville Sand – Jennifer indicated that they would be able to purchase sand from Braintree for use on Handly Road. Bruce indicated that would be paid out of your contract and the Town would send a letter to the Town of Braintree informing them you are our contractor. Rachel made the motion to accept the arrangement and Bruce seconded. Two in favor and 1 recusal.
- Winter Road Contract – Bruce indicated that Charlie had to sand here and there.
- East Granville Contract – Bruce indicated that there was a question as to how far to plow the .23 mile road. Jennifer would measure and report back.
- Road Signs – None presented.

Public Comments:

- Shawn asked about the timer setting for the parking lot lights as they were not on at 5:00 p.m. Kathy to look into changing.
- Marilyn asked if the Town would be wanting a photo for the cover of the Town Report. She will post the request on the website and Cheryl to include in the minutes for submittals.

Items for Next Meeting:

- Budget for 2022/2023
- Warning Articles
- Town Report Schedule and Audit Report

Next meeting will be the regular meeting on January 10, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Jennifer made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Indicating that Rachel had to leave at 7:00 p.m. And Bruce seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl L. Sargeant
Selectboard Clerk