

Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2022

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In attendance: Bruce Hyde, Chair, Rachel Grigorian and Jennifer Page Stickney, Selectboard; Kathy Werner, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Mark Belisle, Constable/Buildings & Grounds Manager; Kenneth Beattie, Road Foreman; Danial Sargeant, Chief Granville Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Clerk

Public: Shawn Dougherty, Judith Wood, James Dague and Kate Stauss, Corner School Resource Center (CSRC)

Call to Order: 5:30 p.m.

Public Communication:

- Bruce indicated that discussion regarding the Budget would be limited to the Selectboard to move the meeting along and questions could be raised during Public Comment at the end.
- Kate indicated that she was representing the CSRC and would like to submit an Article for inclusion in the Town Meeting Warning along with a report for the Town Report.
- Kate indicated that the CSRC would be interested in being considered for some of the ARPA funds to defray the monthly internet and electrical costs.

Amend/Approve Agenda:

- No requests presented

Financial Reports:

- Orders – Bruce indicated that invoices had been received for the grading and inquired about Property Tax Credits which Kathy indicated were for overpayments. Rachel inquired about the phone and internet expenses. Kathy indicated that they were for Consolidated fire alarm line service and ECFiber internet and town office phone line. Jennifer made the motion to approve the Orders for payment including those submitted on January 10, 2022 and Rachel seconded. All in favor.
- Bruce inquired about the tabled invoice for Taser Training during the December 13, 2021 meeting. Mark indicated that there was a glitch in the billing system and the invoice was submitted after the fiscal year. It is his intention to teach some classes and some of the money would go to the Town. Rachel made the motion to pay the invoice and Jennifer seconded. All in favor.
- Reports – Rachel inquired about the Constable Supplies and running over Mark indicated that they should not have with Bruce indicating that it is an estimate.
- Grants – Equipment Grant was denied for the blower.
- Town Audit – Kathy indicated they are finished and the Selectboard thanked the Auditors for their work.

Financials (continued):

- Budget Worksheet – Jim inquired about Line #51030 Winter Sand and the proposed decrease. Bruce indicated that in 2020/21 the Town spent \$28,000.00 which included trucking and piling 1,000 yards. Jim indicated that amount could be cut to 500 yards due to the amount there. Ken did agree that it should be cut back but perhaps to 750 yards and would look into the matter further for February's meeting. Bruce indicated that the proposed budget is \$30,000.00. Roadside Mowing \$2,000.00 and Storm Cleanup increased. Mark indicated that Line #9010 Animal Control could be cut in half to \$125.00. Bruce indicated that Salaries and Income Taxes would be on the February agenda.

Approved Minutes

- December 13, 2021 Rachel made the motion to approve the minutes as written and Jennifer seconded. All in favor.

New Business

- Website Update – None presented
- Town Meeting – Bruce indicated that the Legislature approved Towns moving the date for Town Meeting from the traditional 1st Tuesday of March to later. After a brief discussion the Selectboard agreed to hold an in-person meeting in May. Rachel made the motion to set the Town Meeting date at May 17, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. At the Town Hall and Jennifer seconded. All in favor.
- Kathy turned in her resignation letter effective March 1st and the Selectboard would appoint an interim Town Clerk and Town Treasurer until Town Meeting. Bruce to work with Kathy on an advertisement and appoint someone at the February meeting.
- Warned Articles – Conservation Commission request to disband and to move the money to another fund (i.e. playground upgrade and the Commons) . Moss Glen Grange #554 property tax exemption was up for vote. Telecommunications non-binding vote for an ordinance. Rachel inquired if the Town needed 2 Constables. Mark indicated that the Second Constable in East Granville had no law enforcement duties and was for contact purposes only. The First Constable was given law enforcement duties by default by State statute unless voted otherwise by the voters. Shawn inquired if paid per the hour or a stipened; Mark indicated that he tries to work a certain number of hours but not guaranteed. The Constable stipened is a yearly amount divided into 12 equal payments. Budget; Highway Surplus; Capital Highway Paving \$6,000.00; Equipment Fund for Constable; Borrow up to \$100,000.00 to reopen Buffalo Farm Road as a Class 3 roadway; Due Dates for Property Tax Payments and Corner School Resource Center.
- Town Report Schedule - Kathy will contact the printer to make sure they are able to make the change.

Old Business:

- Constable Report – None presented.
- Buildings & Grounds – No parking signs need to be installed at the Town Hall and U.S. Post Office.
- Roof Update – Bruce indicated that he received a proposal from the steeple contractor for less than the other 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 and to date has not been submitted.
- GVFD Equipment/Vehicle Update – Danial indicated that business as usual; the Rescue truck was back inservice. Shawn inquired about the increase insurance for the new tanker. Kathy indicated that it is the Town's policy and cannot insure vehicles registered to others. Cheryl inquired how much the Town was saving without the old tanker on the policy. Kathy indicated about \$675.00.
- 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. Danial indicated that he too had spoken with Mr. Bannon and he indicated a perk test would have to be perform for \$500.00 to determine if the site would be useable and would be willing to give options. Danial would make the arrangements. Rachel made the motion to hire Marc Bannon to perform the perk test and Bruce seconded. All in favor.

Roads:

- Road Foreman Report – Ken indicated that he was out with the york rake a month ago and ran into an individual that knew where to get parts. Ken to look into further.
- Roads – are in good shape.
- Highway Mileage Certificate – Jennifer made the motion to sign the certificate as is and Rachel seconded. All in favor.
- Road Signs – Ken installed the signs at Buffalo Farm Road and Plunkton Road intersections with VT Route 100.

Public Comments:

- None presented.

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Items for Next Meeting:

- Village Designation Renewal
- Handley Road Reclassification
- Town Report
- GVFD Building
- Historic Preservation Grant for VT Route 100 Properties
- Interim Town Clerk/Treasurer
- Budget for 2022/2023
- Warning Articles
- Town Report Schedule

Next meeting will be the regular meeting on February 14, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Jennifer made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. And Rachel seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl L. Sargeant
Selectboard Clerk