

Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes  
June 13, 2022

**DRAFT**

In attendance: Bruce Hyde, Chair and Rachel Grigorian, Selectboard; Jennifer Page Stickney was absent; Cheryl L. Sargeant, Town Clerk; Kenneth Beattie, Road Foreman, Mark Belisle, Constable/Buildings & Grounds Manager and Marilyn Dougherty, Website Manager

Public: Shawn Dougherty, Stacey Peters and Joseph Trueman

Call to Order: 5:33 p.m.

**Public Communication:**

- None presented

**Agenda:**

- No changes

**Appointments Under Statute 24 § 871**

- Elect Board Chair – Bruce
- Clerk to the Selectboard – Cheryl
- Tree Warden – Rachel
- Fence Viewer (1) – VACANT
- Pound Keeper – Mark
- Inspector of Lumber, Shingles and Wood – Obsolete
- Weigher of Coal – Obsolete
- Town Service Officer – Cheryl

**Organization**

- Set Calendar for Regular Selectboard Meetings second Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m.
- Name Primary Newspaper for Public Notices and Advertisements The Herald of Randolph
- Set at least 2 public locations for posting notices (not including the Town Clerk's Office) Town Hall bulletin board, Granville Country Store and the US Post Office

**Town Appointments**

- Town Road Commissioner – Bruce
- Town Road Foreman – Ken
- Animal Control Officer – Mark
- Buildings and Grounds Manager – Mark
- E911 Coordinator – Mark
- Emergency Management Director – Mark
- Sexton – Scott Sargeant
- White River Valley Ambulance Representative – Danial
- Town Liason to the Granville Vol. Fire Department, Inc. – Victoria
- Town Website Manager – Marilyn
- FEMA Coordinator – Cheryl
- Green Up Day Coordinator – Cheryl

**Boards and Commissions**

- Flood Plain Administrator (4 year term ending 2025) – Bruce
- Planning Commissioners – VACANT (2 current members)
- Conservation Commissioners – VACANT Rachel to reach out to current members to inquire about continued membership
- ECFiber Representative – Richard Poole – Alternate – Bruce
  
- Rachel made the motion to accept all nominations and Bruce seconded. All in favor.

**Financials:**

- Financials – Bruce indicated that there was some confusion and that the Town would end the year \$22,000.00 under budget. Shawn asked about the Constable Salary and the voided check and no correction made to the table; will ask Nancy to look into. Short discussion over trucking costs and getting quotes in writing. Trucking #50225 was closed and moved to #5020 in 2021; Ken spent \$8,562 in May and \$2,500 was for prior work.
  
- Orders for Payment – Axon taser annual fee; Mark questions and feels it should be paid in the next fiscal year. Cheryl to ask Nancy to look into further. Selectmen's Orders; Marriage and Dog Licenses; Highway Orders and Office Supplies – Bruce made the motion to pay them all and Rachel seconded. All in favor.

**Minutes:**

- May 9, 2022 – Rachel made the motion to approve the minutes as revised and Bruce seconded. All in favor.

**New Business:**

- Duck Crossing – After a brief discussion it was advised to check with VTrans to see if they could install a Wildlife Corridor sign at either end of the Granville Gulf Reservation.
  
- 100 on 100 Town Hall Parking Lot Transition – Cheryl indicated that the group asked permission to use the parking lot once again for this event and have provided their insurance certificate. The event will be held on August 13, 2022.
  
- Running Race – Joe Trueman and Stacey Peters would like to find a course to hold a 10K running race off of VT Route 100. After discussion and suggestions Joe will look into further.
  
- Fuel Prices – Cheryl has been calling around to different fuel dealers and furnace service companies and CV Oil Company would provide both. Bruce made the motion for Cheryl to switch and Rachel seconded. All in favor.
  
- ARPA Committee – will discuss further at the July meeting and Cheryl, Mark and Bruce would like to be on the committee.

**New Business (continued):**

- AT&T Historic Site Impact Statement – Bruce indicated that the Department of Public Service will be holding a Public Hearing on June 20, 2022. The Town received a request to respond to the Historic Preservation consultant regarding impact on historic sites in Town. Bruce indicated that there was no impact and moved that he sign the letter on behalf of the Town and Rachel seconded. All in favor.
- Grand List – Cheryl indicated that she was presented with the Abstract and that Grievance Hearings have been held. Rick Favor would be working on the final for tax billing to be done.

**Roads:**

- Grading/Pot Holes/Tree Trimming Around Signs – Ken indicated that Maston Hill and Post Office Hill need to be done before the end of June. He would also like to grade West Hill to the US Forest Service gate.
- Pot Holes were filled in by residents living there so people would stop driving on their lawn.
- Tree Trimming – Ken hired K.A. Bagley and Bruce asked for the 3 quotes and other information in writing. Cheryl requested contact information to send paperwork needed before he begins work. Ken has also been in contact with a Peter Perrin regarding trees and trimming at \$225.00/hour. Bruce and Ken to look into further and will discuss at the July meeting.
- Letter to the US Forest Service regarding damages caused by log trucks on West Hill over the last several years. Ken would like to have the grading, gravel and culverts reimbursed.
- Weight Limit Signs – Bruce and Ken to remove them.
- Handley Road Grading – Ken will be working in East Granville and would like to grade Handley Road while he is there this fall. Jennifer is supposed to look into the Winter Maintenance of Handley Road as well. Foreman Report – Ken indicated that there was more grading needed. He has trucks lined up for graveling and he called K.A. Bagley to see if he would be available to mow the roadsides and there are culverts to do.
- Winter Contract – Cheryl indicated not returned yet. Discussed and approved as drafted; \$50,000.00 contract to Northeast Logging and Firewood LLC.
- VTrans Municipal Grant-in-Aid Application – after discussion Rachel made the motion for Bruce to sign indicating no project yet and Bruce seconded. All in favor.

**Old Business:**

- Procurement and Conflict of Interest Policies – Bruce indicated that if any member is to financially gain from a decision they must recuse themselves. Projects below \$3,500.00 can just call someone to perform the work; above \$3,500.00 up to \$15,000.00 can make calls but must put in writing and if over \$15,000.00 it must go out for bids.
- Village Centers – Rachel indicated that she submitted the information to Two Rivers Ottawaquechee Regional Commission and is waiting to hear back.
- Website – Nothing to report. Mark asked that the listing of officers be updated; Marilyn and Cheryl will work on that.
- Cell Tower – Bruce indicated that there is a Public Hearing scheduled June 20, 2022 via Zoom and it has been posted around Town and on the website.
- GVFD – Nothing to report.
- Swingset Playground – Mark indicated that Colton's had mulch for \$40.00/yard and \$150.00 shipping. Rachel and Mark to work on project for the community.
- Roof – Mark spoke with Iron Horse and received a bid of \$24,775.00 for standing seam roofing to match the Town Hall. Rachel made the motion to move forward and Bruce seconded. All in favor.
- Constable Equipment – Mark requested permission to have it come out of his budget. Bruce approved and Rachel seconded. All in favor.

**Public Comment:**

- Nothing

**Items for Next Agenda:**

- VAST Trail; Road Race; ECFiber telephone/alarm line; Set Tax Rate; Bulletin Boards; ARPA Project Committee and Tree Cutting;

Next meeting will be the regular meeting on July 11, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Rachel made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. And Bruce seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl L. Sargeant  
Town Clerk