

Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2022

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In attendance: Bruce Hyde, Chair, Rachel Grigorian, Selectboard; Jennifer Page Stickney was absent; Cheryl L. Sargeant, Town Clerk; Mark Belisle, Constable/Buildings & Grounds Manager; Kenneth Beattie, Road Foreman; Marilyn Dougherty, Website Administrator; Danial Sargeant, Chief Granville Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) and Roger Stauss, Moderator

Public: Shawn Dougherty, Judith Wood, William Brokhof, Jeffrey & Alyssa Gladchun, James Dague and Robert Ready

Call to Order: 5:32 p.m.

Public Communication:

- Shawn requested that the February 14th meeting minutes be amended to acknowledge that it was said that the Corner School Resource Center requested ARPA money in the amount of \$3,000.00 to help pay for utilities and Bruce indicated the monies could not be used for that purpose. It was then indicated that they took in \$200,000.00 in donations and really did not need the money. Roger indicated that was not true and he questioned the validity of the discussion. After a lengthy discussion the Corner School Resource Center would provide financial information for the Town Report.
- Judy sent an e-mail to Bruce to have the meeting minutes revised for the discussion about the Cell Tower to read as follows; AT&T requests that the Town of Granville consider postponing any public hearing held pursuant to 30 V.S.A § 248a(e)(2) until sometime in mid- to late-May 2022.
- Shawn inquired about the grading bids being advertised on March 10th and asking if that was enough time for contractors to prepare bids. Bruce indicated that it was too late to submit the advertisement the week prior to The Herald of Randolph but it was e-mailed to contractors and posted around town prior to that.
- Jim indicated that he would wait to give comments on the grading bid and Warning Articles.
- Judy indicated she had some questions regarding the Financials and proposed budget.

Amend/Approve Agenda:

- Nothing proposed.

Financial Reports:

- Orders – Bruce indicated that they were now working with Nancy Needham and indicated no questions. Rachel made the motion to approve the Orders for payment and Bruce seconded. All in favor.
- Reports – Bruce indicated that the balances were not updated to show the current payments. Nancy to work on this with Kathy.

Financial Reports (continued):

- Proposed Budget 2022/2023 – Cheryl will correct one of the calculations and Selectboard to finalize at a Special meeting on April 4th.
- Grants – Nothing to report

Minutes:

- February 14, 2022 Rachel made the motion to approve the minutes as edited by Judy's Public Comment request under the Cell Tower and Bruce seconded. All in favor.

New Business:

- Grading Bids – New England Logging \$190.00/hour or \$10,000.00/week and Beattie Earthworks \$130.00/hour, \$120.00 for rolling and \$92.00 for rock raking. Ken indicated that it would take 6 days to do 16 miles; twice a year (summer and fall) perhaps some special situations. Jim indicated that it excludes West Hill and would have to work with the US Forrest Service for reimbursement. Rachel made the motion to award the 3 year contract to Beattie Earthworks and Bruce seconded. All in favor.
- Warned Articles – Roger indicated that he contacted VLCT regarding Judy's petition requesting the elimination of law enforcement duties and expenses from the Constable's budget. It is actually 2 articles worded as such; Shall the Town of Granville vote to eliminate the Constable's law enforcement abilities? And Shall the Town of Granville vote to eliminate funding for law enforcement expenses. The first is legal the second is not and should actually come from the voters on the floor. After a brief discussion Judy agreed to eliminate part (b) of the petition. The Article would be inserted prior to the current #2 to read; Shall the Town of Granville vote to prohibit Constables from practicing any law enforcement authority per 24 V.S.A. § 1936(a)?
- Town Meeting and Report Schedule – March 31st is the last day for Petitions; April 4th is Special Selectboard meeting and cut off for Officer Reports; April 7th Post the Warning and April 18th report due to printers.
- Japanese Knotweed – Town contacted by the Friends of the Mad River Valley to help stop the spread of knotweed along VT Route 100. Rachel to gather more information.
- Cleaning Town Office/Hall – Cheryl asked if it would be possible to clean on Friday for a small fee. Bruce made the motion to allow cleaning to happen outside of office hours for a small fee and Rachel seconded. All in favor.
- Town Hall Rental July 9th – Cheryl informed the Selectboard of the event and allowed to sign agreement.

New Business (continued):

- Liquor License Renewal – Rachel made the motion to approve the liquor license renewal and Bruce seconded. All in favor.
- Certificate of No Appeal or Suit Pending on Grand List – Rachel made the motion to approve signing the Certificate and Bruce seconded. All in favor.

Old Business

- Constable Report – Mark indicated that he was working with the State on an upgrade for dispatching. Nothing else to report.
- Buildings & Grounds – Mark indicated that he still has not heard from Harvey's regarding the furnace or thermostats. He installed the No Parking signs at the Town Hall and US Post Office.
- Cell Tower Update – Judy indicated that Department of Public Service conducted a drive test of the new site using an independent expert but the results were not posted yet. Bruce indicated that he would request on behalf of the Town to have an outside independent expert review the drive test results and submit detail reports.
- Granville Volunteer Fire Department Equipment/Vehicle /Building Update – Dan indicated that he would be contacting Marc Bannon to schedule a date to dig the perk test holes.
- Historic Preservation Grants for VT Route 100 – Rachel will focus on renovations to the church space above the Town Hall and Town Hall ADA accessibility.
- Village Designation Renewals – The selectboard will work with Two Rivers Ottaquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) to submit its application by July 1, 2022.
- Website Update – Bruce indicated an issue accessing with a SmartPhone. Marilyn may need to update the software used. She also would like to remove the Planning Commission calendar information but leave the current members; Diane Eramo and Joey.

Roads:

- Road Foreman Report – Bruce wanted to make it clear that he does not direct the plowing of roads it is up to the discretion of the contractor.
- Mud Season - Ken to post the roads on Wednesday with Bruce's assistance. Cheryl will contact VTrans for the Notice to Post.
- Handle Road – Nothing to report.
- Grants – Nothing to report.

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Roads (continued):

- Road Signs – Nothing to report

Public Communications:

- Bob indicated that he would be interested in seeing a vote on the Warning for selling cannabis in Town. Bruce indicated that he thought the Selectboard could vote on it instead of going to the voters.

Next Agenda:

- Special meeting on April 4, 2022 for the Budget and Warning Articles.

Next meeting will be the special meeting on April 4, 2022 and the regular meeting on April 11, 2022 both at 5:30 p.m.

Bruce made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. And Rachel seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl L. Sargeant
Town Clerk