

Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2022

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

Public: Walt Englehardt, Michael Eramo and Robert Foster

Call to Order: 5:32 p.m.

Public Communication:

- Robert inquired about the Class 4 roads/trails committee that received money several years ago and wanting to restart the committee. After a lengthy discussion about the benefits to the public it was agreed that Robert would submit a proposal to the Selectboard and Mike would share the old map and the committee would work on developing an updated version.

Amend/Approve Agenda:

- Nothing presented.

Financial Reports:

- Orders – Jennifer made the motion to approve the Orders for payment and Bruce seconded. All in favor.
- Reports – They are getting better.
- Grant Update – Bruce indicated that the Historic Preservation Grant for the Town Hall windows was submitted. They are working on a road grant on North Hollow Road from Post Office Hill Road north for about a 0.5 mile.
- Audit – Batchelder Associates submitted a Letter of Engagement for a maximum of \$15,000.00 after a brief discussion Cheryl was instructed to contact them to proceed. Jennifer made the motion to have them perform the audit and Bruce seconded. All in favor.
- Budget Worksheet – Work to continue at the upcoming meetings after Officers submit their proposed budgets.

Minutes:

- October 10, 2022 – Jennifer made the motion to approve the minutes as written and Bruce seconded. All in favor.

New Business:

- Town Assessor Contract – After a brief discussion the contract was approved. Jennifer made the motion to approve the contract and Bruce seconded. All in favor.
- Election Day Review – Bruce indicated that it was a long night of almost 4 hours of counting and he instructed Cheryl to look into a tabulator.

New Business (continued):

- Rodent Issue in Church – Cheryl indicated that during elections they heard rodents in the Church space. Mark to look into the issue and try to eradicate them before winter sets in.

Old Business

- Constable Report – Mark to winterize the speed trailer once he brings it back from East Granville. Indicated that the Town will have to come up with a road name for a road off of Post Office Hill Road with 3 buildings on it. Working with the State E-911 person to correct some issues with numbering on Old Stage Road and possibly Maston Hill Road.
- ARPA Funds – Bruce indicated still looking for ideas how to spend it.
- Bulletin Boards – Cheryl indicated that Doug Fuller would build it after he was finished with the project he was working on.
- Planning Commission – Nothing reported no meeting held last week.
- Cell Tower – Bruce indicated that the group visited the site last week and Department of Public Service was to schedule a hearing.
- Exterior Lights – Mark to look into as it is a hazard not having one over the Town Hall door.
- Granville Volunteer Fire Department – Nothing reported.
- Website – Nothing reported.

Roads:

- Asked if the contractor was ready to plow; Ken to check in with him Tuesday and the roads are in good shape going into the winter. Ken asks that the landowners who requested “No Mowing” to trim the saplings and trees to help with snow removal. Bruce indicated that North Hollow Road project would need 6 culverts and the hedge trimmed. Ken indicated that the Town should send a letter to the property owner. Need to ask Travis to clean up the trees that fell during the wind storm. Walt asked if Kennedy Road at the bottom would be plowed? Bruce indicated that it would not as it was part of the VAST trail.
- Grants – Bruce indicated that in addition to the North Hollow Road grant application, there was 1 more and looking at West Hill Extension and Butz Road.
- Speed Zone on VT Route 12A – Selectboard to draft a letter and Cheryl will finalize it for the Vermont Transportation Committee.

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Roads (continued):

- Road Signs from Corrections – Bruce wants to hold off on giving them an answer as it was their mistake and only were willing to reduce the price of these duplicate signs by only 15% plus shipping.

Public Communication:

- Mark has been contacted regarding a junk yard on Post Office Hill Road and a health concern in East Granville.
- Bruce indicated that he had asked the property owners on North Hollow Road to remove their Vote No on the Cell Tower signs as they are within the Town Highway right-of-way and it has been 2 years since the vote.
- Ken spoke with the Town of Hancock regarding the Grant we received for the leaf blower and they might be willing to go in on the cost of it if they could share it.

Items for Next Meeting:

- Budget Work

Next meeting will be the regular meeting on December 12, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Jennifer made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. And Bruce seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl L. Sargeant
Town Clerk