

## Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2023

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In attendance: Bruce Hyde, Chair, Rachel Grigorian and Jennifer Page Stickney (via telephone), Selectboard; Kenneth Beattie, Road Foreman, Danial Sargeant, Granville Volunteer Fire Dept. (GVFD) Chief, Victoria Crowne, Representative to GVFD Board, Richard Favor, Town Assessor, Marilyn Dougherty, Website Administrator, and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Town Clerk

Public: Walt Englehardt, Shawn Dougherty, Jay & Alice Benson, Gail Webster, Michael Eramo, John Crowne, Jessica Daneck, Harley Maxwell, John Lambert, Gabby & Henry Webb, Teddy, Lynne & Cheyanne Smith and John Hirsch

Call to Order: 5:32 p.m.

### **Public Communication:**

- Jay indicated that he was there to speak towards Kennedy Road and expressed concern that there was more traffic on the road since the pandemic. He wished to thank the VAST group from Braintree for replacing the 2 bridges; they came out nicely. He is concerned as the road is narrow and little room if you meet someone. Would like the Town's approval to clean out the pull offs and to clean out the waterbars so they work along with adding gravel in areas. After a brief discussion it was agreed he would submit a Highway Permit application with fee for the Selectboard to act on it closer to Spring.

### **Amend/Approve Agenda:**

- Nothing presented.

### **Financial Reports:**

- Orders – Jennifer made the motion to approve the Orders for payment and Rachel seconded. All in favor.
- Reports – They look pretty good with no questions.
- Grant Update – Bruce indicated that the Historic Preservation Grant for the Town Hall windows for \$12,500.00 was just awarded and planning on do that after July 1<sup>st</sup>. No word on the Better Back Roads Grant.
- Audit – Bruce indicated that it was moving along Cheryl and Nancy have been working hard to gather information and send it in. There is discussion to replace the current QuickBooks System with NEMRC. GVFD will need to have a professional audit performed.
- Budget Worksheet – Bruce indicated looks good overall it is up 3%. Jennifer made the motion to accept the Proposed Budget for \$387,927.00 and Rachel seconded. All in favor.

### **Minutes:**

- December 12, 2022 – Rachel made the motion to approve the minutes as written and Jennifer seconded. All in favor.

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### **New Business:**

- Town Meeting Warning – Meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Elections of Officers, Budget, etc. The deadline for petitions is January 19<sup>th</sup> so if nothing comes in it is all set. Rachel made the motion to accept the Warning as written and Jennifer seconded. All in favor.

### **Old Business**

- Constable Report – Not available Mark is out on medical leave for 2 months.
- ARPA Funds – Bruce indicated the Town has \$91,000.00 in the fund to spend by 2026. If anyone would like to present a project idea please contact the Town Clerk's Office. Jay asked if it could be used for solar panels and LED lighting. Which is possible depending on the benefit to the public.
- Buildings & Grounds – Tarp on the roof hoping to get done this spring before it does any more damage.
- Bulletin Boards – Town Hall and East Granville waiting for them to be installed.
- Planning Commission – Not available William is out on medical leave.
- Cell Tower Update – Nothing new to report.
- GVFD Update/Budget – Bruce indicated that they just accepted their proposed budget. Discussion ensued regarding first response for the 3 towns and the grilling Rochester gave Dan. Dan went over the issues Pat Harvey had and would be in touch with her after their meeting tonight. GVFD is switching to Middlebury for dispatching due to the issues they are having with static and not being toned out; they will help with the record keeping of calls. Bruce offered to help in anyway he could to get the word to State officials and he knows that White River Valley Ambulance wants to keep GVFD going as they are short staffed and can't always make the call. Dan indicated that East Granville can be an issue being so far too. Jay asked if they have an AED; yes they do along with narcan and epipens.
- Building Project – Met with an architect and State Fire Marshall because the current project is more than 50% of the current building they would have to install a sprinkler system. Dan is looking into financing options for a 3<sup>rd</sup> bay, office, shower (1,000 square feet). The perk test is good just need to give septic engineer the go ahead to produce the plans once we decide on the addition. Jay inquired what they do with the coin drop money; payment for the tanker which is half paid and in 1 year the rest should be paid. They have 3 coin drops per year and raise roughly \$9,000.

**Old Business (continued):**

- Website – Marilyn indicated she was almost done repopulating. Bruce asked if she had looked into the traffic counter; she had not. Discussion regarding a List Serve to notify the community of upcoming events, etc. Marilyn will look into it.

**Roads:**

- Bruce indicated that he had received several calls regarding the roads and the icy conditions. He had spoken with the contractor several times but he had not performed the sanding/plowing by the time the meeting had started. Work to be done on North Hollow Road to replace 6 more culverts with a grant. Ken indicated that the ruts could be filled in with gravel and Mike indicated that during warmer weather raking might help as well as putting gravel down. Bruce indicated that the contract would probably be going out for bids next year.
- Mileage Certificate – Bruce made the motion to sign the certificate indicating no changes had been made and Rachel seconded. All in favor.

**Public Communication:**

- Cheryl indicated that we need a picture for the Town Report. John Hirsch to see if Melissa has one.

**Items for Next Meeting:**

- Nothing presented

Next meeting will be the regular meeting on February 13, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Jennifer made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. And Rachel seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl L. Sargeant  
Town Clerk