

Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes  
February 13, 2023

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In attendance: Bruce Hyde, Chair, Rachel Grigorian and Jennifer Page Stickney (via telephone), Selectboard; Kenneth Beattie, Road Foreman, Victoria Crowne, Representative to GVFD Board and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Town Clerk

Public: Lisa Readie and Richard Poole

Call to Order: 5:35 p.m.

**Public Communication:**

- Lisa indicated that she was inquiring about the lack of sand being used on North Hollow Road from Maston Hill Road out through Puddledock. Bruce explained that we were having issues with the contractor and that the Town would be putting it out for bids for next winter. Richard inquired if the money from the federal government could be used to create a highway department. After further discussion it was agreed to prepare a Request for Proposals and put it out for bids to see what type of response we get.

**Amend/Approve Agenda:**

- Add Tax Map Contract and Jay Benson's road permit

**Financial Reports:**

- Orders – Jennifer made the motion to approve the Orders for payment and Rachel seconded. All in favor.
- Reports – Jennifer made the motion to approve the Reports as presented and Rachel seconded. All in favor.
- Grant Update – Nothing presented.
- Audit – Bruce indicated that it was complete and that it cost \$15,000.00. Cheryl indicated that she had signed the letter and had not received the file back from Batchelder; she would contact them. Discussion ensued converting to NEMRC at a cost of \$12,537.50 or to stay with QuickBooks. Cheryl to speak with the Treasurer to get her input before a decision was made.

**Minutes:**

- January 23, 2023 – Jennifer made the motion to approve the minutes as written and Rachel seconded. All in favor.

**New Business:**

- Town Contact List – Rachel would like a website post asking for people's e-mail addresses and Victoria suggested putting out a sheet at Town Meeting asking for them as well.
- Tax Map Contract – Rachel made the motion to sign the contract for continued maintenance and Jennifer seconded. All in favor.

**New Business (continued):**

- First Responder Discussion – Bruce indicated that the Rochester Selectboard had cut the Granville First Response budget in half and that Pat Harvey was heading up a way to get an ambulance service back in the valley. Victoria indicated that there was no mention of any of this through e-mail and/or Front Porch Forum to ask White River Valley Ambulance to be here again. She also ask if there was mention of merging the 3 fire departments and Bruce indicated no. She indicated that according to the MOU each town could have a board member on the Granville Board but they remain vacant.
- Town Meeting Review – Jennifer indicated that she would not be running for reelection and that we would have to find someone else to fill the slot. She would be coming to Town Meeting.

**Old Business**

- Constable Report – Nothing presented
- ARPA Funds – Bruce indicated that this would be taken up after Town Meeting.
- Buildings and Grounds – Nothing presented
- Bulletin Boards – Waiting for them to be installed
- Planning Commission – Nothing presented
- Cell Tower Update – Bruce indicated that there were ANR issues and working through the Discovery Phase and hearing should be scheduled in the spring. There are law suits going on as well.
- Website – Nothing presented

**Roads:**

- Jay Benson's Permit – Ken read over the permit application and indicated that it was good and that he would like the fee waived. Rachel made the motion to approve the permit application waiving the fee and Jennifer seconded. All in favor.
- Grants – Ken indicated that he would like to apply for a grant through VTrans to continue work beyond the last culvert on Puddledock and replace the undersized culvert on Butz Road near Landis'.
- Certificate of Compliance – Rachel made the motion to sign the Certificate and Jennifer seconded. All in favor.

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**Public Communication:**

- Nothing presented

**Items for Next Meeting:**

- Nothing presented

Next meeting will be Town Meeting on March 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. and the regular meeting on March 13, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl L. Sargeant  
Town Clerk