

Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2023

APPROVED

In attendance: Bruce Hyde, Chair, Rachel Grigorian and Kenneth Beattie, Selectboard; Mark Belisle, Constable & Buildings & Grounds Manager and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Town Clerk

Public: Richard Poole

Call to Order: 5:30 p.m.

Public Communication:

- Nothing presented.

Amend/Approve Agenda:

- Nothing presented.

Financial Reports:

- Orders – Rachel made the motion to pay the invoices as presented and Ken seconded. All in favor.
- Town Hall Window Bid – Bruce opened a bid received from Chris Pratt of East Montpelier 6 upstairs @ \$2,000.00 = \$12,000; 6 downstairs @ \$1,500 = \$9,000; 6 upstairs storms @ \$1,000 = \$6,000; 6 downstairs storms @ \$500 = \$3,200 Total if all is done \$30,000. Bruce to follow up with Caitlin at Historic Preservation before we award the contract.
- Winter Maintenance – Bruce opened 2 bids; Shane C. Elwell Excavating for \$68,000.00 and ECS Excavating & Landscaping LLC for \$80,500. After a short discussion Ken made the motion to award the contract to Shane C. Elwell Excavating of Warren, VT and Rachel seconded. All in favor.
- Reports – Bruce and Cheryl found some issues and will work with Nancy during the next 2 months.
- Grants – Bruce to follow-up with Historic Preservation on the window bid and possible storm windows. Ken and Bruce to meet with Rita Seto of Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) on Friday and Ken waiting for culvert price for the Butz Road grant.
- Town Audit – Bruce spoke with Roger and Nancy and they feel that it can be done in-house this year.

Minutes:

- April 20, 2023 - Rachel made the motion to approve them as written and Ken seconded. All in favor.

New Business:

- Roof Update – Mark indicated that he saw a couple of spots on the annex by the Town Clerk sign that needed trimming; Cheryl to contact them in the morning.

New Business (continued):

- Town Hall Yard Sale – Cheryl indicated that she has 4 people interested in participating and there is room for more.
- Green Up Day – Went well but there was junk left on the side of the road on West Hill Extension (couches, table & chair) along with a complaint about a property on Post Office Hill Road. Discussion ensued and Rachel to contact property owner's daughter about the one on right leaving town and they are willing to have an individual clean up the scrap metal. William Brokhof got rid of the items on West Hill Extension through green up efforts. Mark to look into the Post Office Hill issue with the Selectboard.
- Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) – Cheryl updated necessary contact information and Rachel made the motion to approve the update and Ken seconded. All in favor.
- Culvert #17 on Butz Road – Need to get an estimate to Chris Bump at VTrans.

Old Business

- Constable Report – Mark indicated that he will be working some next month and that he was going to Taser Instructor Training in June.
- GVFD Update – Cheryl had been in touch with USDA and they can loan the Town up to \$175,000.00 for the project for 40 years at 3.75 percent interest. Bruce indicated that he was not ready yet to ask for a loan and wanted to continue researching grants.
- ARPA Funds – Bruce indicated that the Selectboard needed to move on selecting projects.
- Buildings and Grounds – Mark indicated that the grounds had been cleaned up by Patti Twitchell's crew and that he has been in contact with the person to fix the WiFi in the Town Hall.
- Playground Mulch – Rachel would like to order 20 yards of mulch to be delivered to be placed under the swingsets and jungle gym at an estimated cost of \$49.00/yard and \$200.00 delivery. Ken made the motion to proceed and Bruce seconded. All in favor.
- Bulletin Boards – Ken indicated that the board is installed in East Granville. Cheryl indicated that Douglas Fuller had not gotten back to her on the delivery date.
- Planning Commission – Nothing presented.
- Cell Tower Update – Bruce indicated that they were still dealing with the Bear issue and they were hoping to negotiate a settlement. Cheryl indicated that Verizon should be up and running this fall once installed on the current AT&T cell tower.

Old Business (continued):

- Website Update – Nothing presented

Roads:

- Grading – Ken indicated that he is done for this season.
- Beaver Problem – Ken installed a beaver barrier on the culvert on Post Office Hill Road. So far it seems to be working.
- Gravel – Ken indicated that he is working on correcting the Agency of Natural Resources issues at The Bowl Mill. Not sure if he will have the Town's gravel.
- Roadside Mowing – Ken indicated the KA Bagley will be mowing again this year beginning in July.
- Summer Projects – Ken indicated that we needed to do some ditching outside of the grants. Mark inquired about signs needed for new roads (Cutting's Lane Pvt.) Bruce asked Cheryl to look into the signs held at Corrections in Newport to see if we could get them.
- West Hill Road – Ken would like to grade and gravel it. Cheryl to reach out to the US Forest Service in Rochester to schedule a site visit before work is done to get grant money.
- Handly Road – Ken indicated that it needed grading and gravel. He would speak with the logging company to do improvements.

Public Comments:

- Dick inquired about a community solar project in flood plain areas or another location. After a discussion Bruce asked that he look into the matter and bring it up at another Selectboard meeting.

Items for Next Meeting:

- Town Hall Window Award/Contract
- Winter Road Maintenance Contract
- Playground Mulch Installation
- ARPA Handicap Accessibility & other projects
- Bowl Mill Gravel Update

Next meeting will be the regular meeting on June 12, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Rachel made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. And Ken seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl L. Sargeant
Town Clerk