

Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2023

APPROVED

In attendance: Bruce Hyde, Chair and Kenneth Beattie, Selectboard; Danial Sargeant, Fire Chief Granville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., Marilyn Dougherty, Website Manager and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Town Clerk

Public: Shawn Dougherty

Call to Order: 5:30 p.m.

Public Communication:

- Rachel was not present due to a family matter.

Amend/Approve Agenda:

- Nothing presented.

Financial Reports:

- Orders – Bruce made the motion to pay the invoices as presented and Ken seconded. All in favor.
- North Hollow Road Bid – K&S Construction \$52,767.00; ECS Excavating & Landscaping, LLC \$26,962.00, 4 Seasons Property Management & Excavation \$32,500.00 (bid received late) and Shane Elwell Excavating \$9,800.00 After a short discussion Ken made the motion to accept Shane Elwell Excavating's bid and Bruce seconded. All in favor.
- Post Office Hill Road Bid – Shane Elwell Excavating \$12,200.00; K&S Construction \$22,000.00; 4 Seasons Property Management & Excavation \$25,250.00 (bid received late) and ECS Excavating & Landscaping, LLC \$31,160.00 After a short discussion Ken made the motion to accept Shane Elwell Excavating's bid and Bruce seconded. All in favor.
- Reports – Bruce and Cheryl found some issues and will work with Nancy during the next month in preparation for yearend work and tax rate setting in July.
- Grants – Bruce is awaiting approval from Historic Preservation on the window bid and possible storm windows. Chris Pratt has submitted an estimate of \$33,000.00 to reglaze the windows and install storms on the outside and if necessary replace the sills. Bruce made the motion to approve a contract for \$33,000.00 with exterior storms up and down and Ken seconded.
- State Dangerous Tree Grant – Rita Seto has been sent the maps and pictures and will prepare the grant application.
- Town Audit – Bruce indicated that he had heard from Bonnie indicating that the trial balances are off after the corrections were made. Bruce will look into further.

Minutes:

- May 8, 2023 – Ken made the motion to approve them as written and Bruce seconded. All in favor.

New Business:

- Town Yard Sale – Cheryl indicated that 1 family took advantage of the opportunity and they reported they were very pleased and would like to participate again next year. Need more advertising and activities to draw in the people.

Old Business:

- Constable Report – Bruce indicated that Mark hopefully will be back patrolling shortly.
- GVFD Update – Dan brought the used ambulance for inspection after the meeting. He explained that they would be a back-up to White River Valley Ambulance if they are shorthanded and/or can't arrive in a timely manner to get the patient to the hospital. He also explained that money is not the issue it is the lack of personnel to operate the ambulances which is a nationwide issue. They hope to be up and running in a couple of years. The fund raiser in Rochester went very well.
- Fire Department Building Project – Dan asked permission to paint the outside of the building and to replace the aging paneled walls with sheetrock and hardboard. Dan indicated that they could use fund raising money. Bruce made the motion to use \$2,000.00 from the Fire Department Reserve Fund for the materials and Ken seconded. All in favor.
- Fire Truck For Sale - Cheryl to work with Dan on an advertisement for the decommissioned truck.
- ARPA Funds – Bruce indicated that the Town needs to get project ideas and move on them. Cheryl indicated that perhaps 1 of the projects could be the repair/replacement of the septic pump house for the Town Complex she is awaiting the report from Kingsbury's.
- Buildings & Grounds – Nothing presented.
- Playground Mulch – Rachel is going to order and have it delivered.
- Bulletin Boards – Waiting on Douglas Fuller to build and install at the Town Hall. Ken reports that the one in East Granville will be installed shortly.
- Planning Commission – Nothing presented.
- Cell Tower – Bruce indicated that AT&T was resubmitting an application for the original site. Bears prevailed.
- Website - Marilyn asked for suggested postings and will look into the Domain Name renewal to see if the Town can be billed directly.

Roads:

- Bruce indicated that they had been working on a Dangerous Tree grant application. All of Granville's Class 3 roads were assessed and Ken and he marked 25 trees along North Hollow Road and Maston Hill Road.
- Summer Projects – Ken indicated that there are a couple of culverts on West Hill Extension that he would like to fix. Cheryl indicated that she is still trying to get in touch with the US Forest Service regarding work on West Hill Road.
- Gravel – Ken indicated that the Bowl Mill needs a storm water permit. Currently Ken is working on fixing the lower end of the permitted area and the Agency of Natural Resources wants more work done. It is planned to pull out the 780 yards of gravel owed to the Town and Bruce indicated that they would give him a little more time to hopefully accomplish that.
- Roadside Mowing – Ken indicated that KA Bagley would be here in July to do that.
- FY24 Grant for Culvert #17 on Butz Road – No word from VTrans.
- Winter Maintenance Contract – Ken would like more time to compare it to the Town of Hancock's format to see if we should update our format.

Public Comments:

- Ken indicated that a potential purchaser of land along Saben Homestead Road wanted to know if they would be allowed to improve the access. After discussion it was determined that they would have to submit a permit for the Selectboard and Road Commissioner to review.
- Ken indicated that the logger was cleaning up the landing at the end of Handley Road.
- Shawn inquired when the former contractor would be removing his plow truck and plow from the fire station property. Bruce indicated that he has been asked to but would remind him.

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
- Year End Reports and Audit
- Tax Rate Setting

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Next meeting will be the regular meeting on July 10, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Ken 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