

Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2023

APPROVED

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

Public: Peter Gregory, Executive Director and Meghan Asbury; Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission (TRORC), Richard Hotchkin and Lou Englehardt

Call to Order: 5:30 p.m.

Public Communication:

- Lou inquired when the Town would pave the end of Maston Hill Road. After discussion the Road Commissioner and Foreman would look into the matter.
- Lou inquired about the issue with the Church Steeple. Bruce explained that it was a failure of the paint and that the contractor would be making repairs after Labor Day.

Amend/Approve Agenda:

- Bruce indicated that the staff from TRORC were present to discuss the new Municipal Technical Assistance Program (MTAP).

MTAP:

- Meghan explained that the program was designed to help municipalities find money for projects. After a lengthy discussion it was determined that some of the projects the Town has in mind would qualify and they would forward contact information.

Financial Reports:

- Orders – Ken indicated that he did not submit all of his invoices. Bruce and Ken will review the submittal for reimbursement for the Post Office Hill Road and North Hollow Road projects. Ken made the motion to approve the orders including the invoice from Shane Elwell for the North Hollow project and Rachel seconded. All in favor.
- Reports – Bruce indicated that there were a couple of questions and Mark indicated that the Constable's Capital Investment Account was spent last year. Bruce indicated that the monies spent for 52060 culvert replacement would be reimbursed through the Grants.
- Grants – Hazardous Trees Bruce indicated that the Request for Proposal would be printed this week and next with a due date of September 11, 2023. Ken made the motion to advertise in The Herald, Valley Reporter and e-mailing it to known contractors and Rachel seconded. All in favor.
- Town Audit – Bruce indicated that the Town's Auditors are getting ready to begin.

Financial Reports (continued):

- Reappraisal Order – Bruce indicated that for now the Town would hold off and made the motion to sign the Notice to the Vermont Tax Department indicating the Town received the Order and Rachel seconded. All in favor.

Minutes:

- July 10, 2023 – Rachel made the motion to approve them as written and Ken seconded. All in favor.

New Business:

- East Granville Street Light – After discussion it was determined that the light is necessary for safety reasons and Cheryl would contact Green Mountain Power (GMP) to see about changing the fixture to a low light fixture.
- Flooding Report – Bruce indicated that so far Granville has held its own with just minor erosion and the project areas worked well during the storms.
- Steeple – Valley Restoration will be coming in September to repair the steeple under the contract warranty.
- Catering Licenses – Ken made the motion to approve and Rachel seconded. All in favor.
- Driveway Permit – After discussion Bruce made the motion to accept the driveway access on TH#21 (Buttles Road) with Ken as the contractor and Rachel seconded. All in favor with Ken recusing himself.

Old Business:

- Constable Report – Mark indicated that he was still having issues with the E911 system and that the number on Maston Hill Road 1651 is correct it was inadvertently changed during the property transfer in 2022. Rachel to speak with the property owner and report back.
- Speed Report – Indicates that between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. that there were 4,371 vehicles traveling over the 40mph posted speed limit on VT Route 100 during a 2 month period. Mark to move the trailer from East Granville to North Hollow Road.
- GVFD Update – Nothing reported.
- ARPA Funds – After discussion some projects for the Town to focus on are; handicapped accessibility to the Town Hall and Paving the roads.
- Buildings & Grounds – Mark indicated that the crab apple trees and cedar trees need to be trimmed this winter to allow mowing and site distance. Commons need attention. There is water in the basement from the heavy rains again; Cheryl doing her best to stay on top of it.

Old Business (continued):

- Playground Mulch – Ken indicated that he had some fabric left over from the road project that could be put down prior to the mulch. Rachel, Bruce, Ken and William Brokhof will coordinate work.
- Bulletin Boards – Nothing reported.
- Planning Commission – Nothing reported.
- Cell Tower – Bruce indicated that they refiled a permit.
- Website – Nothing reported.

Roads:

- Ken indicated that he graded West Hill, Post Office Hill Road and North Hollow Road north of the project.
- Bruce indicated that he would like Chris Mattrick, US Forest Service Ranger from Rochester to attend a meeting. Cheryl to make arrangements.
- Ken replaced a failed culvert just south of Maston Hill Road on North Hollow Road. Buffalo Farm Road has been graded, cleaning out culverts helps with drainage, working on finishing up the ANR issues at the Bowl Mill, needs to put up signs on Maston Hill, the roadside mowing is complete and no word on the culvert project on Butz Road.

Public Comments:

- Nothing reported.

Items for Next Meeting:

- ARPA Handicap Accessibility & other projects
- Bowl Mill Gravel Update
- Bulletin Boards
- Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP) Grant
- Bid Opening Hazardous Trees
- Moss Glen Grange
- Mowing at the Commons
- East Granville Street Light
- Audit

Next meeting will be a regular meeting on September 11, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Rachel made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. And Ken seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Sargeant
Town Clerk