

Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2023

APPROVED

In attendance: Bruce Hyde, Chair, Kenneth Beattie (on the telephone) and Rachel Grigorian Selectboard; Mark Belisle, Constable/Buildings & Grounds Manager, Marilyn Dougherty, Website Manager and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Town Clerk

Public: Richard Poole and Shawn Dougherty

Call to Order: 5:39 p.m.

Public Communication:

- Nothing presented

Amend/Approve Agenda:

- Bruce requested that a Driveway Permit be added under Roads

Financial Reports:

- Orders – Bruce indicated that there were a couple of changes. Rachel made the motion to approve the orders as edited and Bruce seconded. All in favor.
- Reports – Bruce indicated that the Culvert Replacement Account was over and Cheryl will ask the Auditors how to account for Grant reimbursements. Mark indicated that the Constable's Capital Investment Account on the Balance Sheet should be zero as he spent that last year.
- Grants – Nothing to report.
- Town Audit – Bruce indicated that the Town's Auditors have begun their work.
- Dangerous Tree Bids – Whitney - \$19,825.00 which includes \$3,800.00 for grinding the stumps; Thomson \$57,000.00; TREES, Inc. \$30,552.00 and Snapping Turtle \$9,950.00 and no stump grinding. Shawn indicated that he had Snapping Turtle perform some work and they did an excellent job. Ken indicated that he could remove the stumps with an excavator and fill in the holes with gravel. A few of the property owners would like the wood that was cut on their property and Richard suggested donating the rest to someone in need. Bruce offered to have the wood brought to his property. After further discussion Ken made the motion to award the contract to Whitney Tree Services including stump grinding and Rachel seconded. All in favor.

Minutes:

- August 7, 2023 – Rachel made the motion to approve them as written and Ken seconded. All in favor.

New Business:

- Park and Ride Grant – Cheryl to look into further and Bruce will put on the October agenda.
- East Granville Stream Alteration Permit – After discussion it was determined that Ken had no issues and Rachel indicated that she had received an e-mail. Cheryl had spoken with the individual this afternoon and they are satisfied with the explanation.
- Catering License Process – Bruce indicated that Cheryl already signs off on the Town Hall Rental Agreements and Annual Tobacco and Liquor License Renewals she should be able to sign off on these notices from the Department of Lottery and Liquor. Rachel made the motion to approve the process and Ken seconded. All in favor.

Old Business:

- Constable – Mark indicated that he hopes to be back to work in October. After discussion about the radar trailer and report Mark will look into functionality to determine if it is reading speeds, dates and times properly.
- Town Hall Windows – Bruce indicated that it looks good so far. Ken will bring down his old window sashes for the contractor.
- East Granville Street Light – Cheryl has contacted Green Mountain Power and they will put the fixture replacement in their schedule.
- GVFD Update – Nothing reported.
- Steeple Update – Bruce indicated that they will be here in the next 2 weeks.
- ARPA Funds – After discussion it was determined to focus on the ADA upgrades for the entrance to the Town Hall. Cheryl will work with VLCT on how to get the project approved.
- Buildings & Grounds – Thank you to William Brokhof for moving the playground mulch around for easy raking. Thank you to Dan and Nancy for beautifying the front flower garden.
- Bulletin Boards – Cheryl will look into purchasing a replacement board and Ken will check on East Granville.
- Planning Commission – Bruce indicated that they will begin having meetings.
- Cell Tower – Bruce indicated that they resubmitted a Permit Application for the Original site and requested a Stay for the Second site incase issues arise.

Old Business (continued):

- Website Update – Marilyn indicated that the annual renewal would be coming and to keep an eye out for it. Bruce asked if the Town could have service directly and not through the fire department. Cheryl will check with Dan about having the Town billed directly and if the Town could be its own host. Marilyn will check with the hosting site.

Roads:

- Ken indicated that he needs to grade again on West Hill and North Hollow Road. He was working on extracting gravel for the Town at the Bowl Mill and that the crusher should be coming this fall.
- Bruce indicated that he would like more culverts cleaned out. Cheryl asked if the culvert by Richard Lee would be taken care of and Ken indicated it would be replaced this fall along with a culvert by Robin Hagerman's. Bruce asked if the GVFD would be able to help clean out the culverts with their hose attachment; Cheryl to contact them.
- Ken to contact VTrans to see if there is cold patch available to help with some of the pavement issues on Maston Hill Road and Post Office Hill Road.
- FY24 Culvert #17 Grant – Bruce indicated that this will be discussed next year and would remove from the Agenda.

Public Comments:

- Shawn inquired about the 780 yard gravel reimbursement; Ken is working on extracting it from the pond at the Bowl Mill.
- Richard inquired if the damage to the Steeple was caused by lightning and it was not it was a failure of the laminate on the wood used.

Items for Next Meeting:

- ARPA Handicap Accessibility & other projects
- Bowl Mill Gravel Update
- Bulletin Boards
- Moss Glen Grange
- Cold Patch from VTrans
- Driveway Permit
- Park and Ride Grant
- Audit

Next meeting will be a regular meeting on October 9, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Rachel made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. And Ken seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Sargeant
Town Clerk