

Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2024

APPROVED

In attendance: Bruce Hyde, Chair, Rachel Grigorian and Kenneth Beattie Selectboard; Nancy Needham, Town Treasurer/Delinquent Tax Collector; Marilyn Dougherty, Website Administrator; Mark Belisle, Constable/Buildings & Grounds Manager and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Town Clerk

Public: Shawn Dougherty; Olivia & Percy Chaffey

Call to Order: 5:30 p.m.

Public Communication:

- Shawn inquired about using the Highway Surplus monies to offset the proposed budget due to the Education Taxes increasing 18 to 20 percent. He also asked where the Town stood on the gravel owed from the Bowl Mill. Bruce indicated that most of the Highway Surplus monies would be spent on the paving project and that the Selectboard hoped to get the gravel owed from the Bowl Mill this summer if not the Town would ask for reimbursement.

Amend/Approve Agenda:

- Bruce indicated that the Corner School would not be making a presentation.

Financial Reports:

- Orders – Ken moved to approve and Rachel seconded. All in favor.
- Reports – Bruce asked to look into the duplicate Plowing/Sanding line item. Nancy made the correction during the meeting so there is only 1 line.
- Grants – Bruce indicated that eventually we should hear from VTrans regarding the Hazardous Tree Removal Grant.
- Audit – Is complete and they will be submitting their report for the Town Report in 2 weeks.
- TAN Loan – Nancy is waiting for the Tax Anticipation Loan application and hopes it will be available for signatures in 2 weeks.
- Budget DRAFT – Cheryl has updated the third draft of the Proposed Budget for the 2024/2025 tax year. Bruce indicated that he would like to keep it low with Shawn's concurrence. After a brief discussion of minor changes; increase the Mowing line items to coincide with the new contract and the Selectboard made plans to meet in 2 weeks to finalize.

Minutes:

- December 18, 2023 Minutes – Rachel made the motion to accept the minutes as written and Ken seconded. All in favor.

New Business:

- TRORC ADA and GVFD Grants – Bruce indicated that they are applying for grants on our behalf and Cheryl will apply for the other half of the MERP funds to help pay for the assessment.
- Corner School/Old Hotel Project – Tabled for now
- Town Report – Nancy volunteered to provide a photograph for the cover.
- Town Meeting Warning – Mark indicated that he was up for re-election for a 2 year term. Cheryl to make changes and send out for review. Final reports and budget due no later than January 22nd with posting of the Town Meeting Warning on January 25, 2024.

Old Business:

- Constable Report – Mark indicated that he was continuing to work with the State for access to the computer system.
- Hazardous Tree Grant – Debra Pierce of VTrans indicated that they were waiting for FEMA to make the final decision on grant awards and the agreement would follow.
- Buildings and Grounds – Nothing presented
- Planning Commission – Marilyn inquired if the Town Plan needed updating and without the Planning Commission meeting who would take care of that? Cheryl indicated the Town Plan and the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan would fall to the Selectboard to update and to hold public hearings.
- Cell Tower – Bruce indicated that the Town had submitted its letter of Notice to Intervene.
- Website – Marilyn indicated that she would like to improve the look of the site and make it more user friendly. Bruce asked where the Rubbish information was posted as he did not find it on the Calendar. Marilyn to move from Our Community tab to the Calendar.

Roads:

- Bruce indicated that the roads were very muddy after the rain storm and Ken put down gravel to help.
- Paving Bids – Ken provided a copy of Hancock’s bid sheet that he got from ST Paving. Bruce indicated that he would like to get bids in February for the upcoming construction season. Ken discussed the specification changes to be made and Cheryl would prepare the paperwork for review by the Selectboard.
- Grants – Bruce indicated that we were waiting to hear back on the Better Back Roads Grant for work to be done on Butz Road.
- Highway Mileage Certification – Annual notification to VTrans indicating no changes have been made to road classifications and/or mileage. All in favor of signing.

Public Comments:

- Nothing presented.

Items for Next Meeting:

- Town Meeting Warning
- Proposed Budget
- Officer Reports – Selectboard, Road Commissioner, Constable, Buildings & Grounds and Auditors

Next meeting will be a Special meeting on January 22, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Rachel made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m. And Ken seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Sargeant

Town Clerk