

Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2023

APPROVED

In attendance: Bruce Hyde, Chair, Rachel Grigorian and Kenneth Beattie
Selectboard and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Town Clerk

Public: Sarah Wraight, Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission
(TRORC) on the telephone; Judy Wood; Jeffrey Gladchun and Pim

Call to Order: 5:30 p.m.

Public Communication:

- Nothing presented

Amend/Approve Agenda:

- Nothing presented

Financial Reports:

- Orders – Ken moved to approve and Rachel seconded. All in favor.
- Reports – Bruce asked to look into the Grant Expenses and Reimbursements so they were not hitting the Budget Line Items.
- Grants – Rita Seto prepared a Better Back Roads Grant application for culvert, ditching and stone lined ditches on Butz Road. Rachel made the motion to approve the application submittal and Ken seconded. All in favor.
- Audit – Is complete and they will be submitting their report for the Town Report.
- TAN Loan – Ken made the motion to take out a Tax Anticipation Loan in the amount of \$100,000.00 and Rachel seconded. All in favor.
- Budget DRAFT – Cheryl has updated the preliminary Proposed Budget for the 2024/2025 tax year. Bruce indicated that the Highway Budget needed to increase the Plowing & Sanding, decrease the Roadside Mowing/Tree Removal and other adjustments to be made at the January 8th meeting.
- Computers – Cheryl indicated that they are all set up and seem to be running fine.
- Assessor Contract – Ken made the motion to accept the contract for a \$310.00 increase and Rachel seconded. All in favor.

Minutes:

- November 13, 2023 Minutes – Ken made the motion to accept the minutes as written and Rachel seconded. All in favor.

New Business:

- Lawn Maintenance Bids – Patti Twitchell submitted a bid for \$9,500/year with \$50.00/hour for clean up for the next 3 years. Ken made the motion to accept the bid and Rachel seconded. All in favor.

New Business:

- Paving Bids – After discussion Bruce made the motion to reject the 1 bid submitted and to readvertise removing Buffalo Farm Road and to have clear specificity in the specifications and Rachel seconded. All in favor.
- TRORC ADA and GVFD Grants – After a lengthy discussion about the various grant programs with Sarah Wraight it was determined that a loan through the USDA was off the table and that Sarah on behalf of the Town would apply for all available grants to see which ones we would receive. We would discuss further in January and will work with Cheryl on Letter of Intent. Rachel made the motion to apply for the Vermont Community Block Grant, Northern Border Regional Commission, MTAP, CBDG and the Vermont Integrated Architect Grant and Ken seconded. All in favor.
- Solid Waste Plan – Bruce indicated that the Town received a Notice of Alleged Violation from the Agency of Natural Resources but it applies to the Director of the Solid Waste District having to fill out an application.
- Town Report – Need reports by January 15th with the approved Budget and Warning to be sent to the printers no later than February 6th.

Old Business:

- Constable Report – Nothing presented
- Hazardous Tree Grant – No word from the State of Vermont on our grant. Bruce to follow-up.
- Buildings and Grounds – Nothing presented
- Planning Commission – Nothing presented
- Cell Tower – Judy and others asked the Selectboard to intervene and demand the coverage area by the January 3, 2024 deadline. After some discussion Bruce made the motion to intervene as before including the aesthetics and dead zones being addressed by Mega Range rather than First Net and Rachel seconded. All in favor.
- Website – Nothing presented

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Roads:

- Ken and Bruce indicated that the roads were fine after all the rain but that they were getting muddy.
- Signs – Bruce indicated that they have been installed and no more complaints.
- Grants – Bruce indicated that we were applying for a Better Back Roads Grant for work to be done on Butz Road.
- Gravel – No word

Public Comments:

- Nothing presented.

Items for Next Meeting:

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

Next meeting will be January 8, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Rachel made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. And Ken seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Sargeant
Town Clerk