

## Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2024

### **APPROVED**

In attendance: Bruce Hyde, Chair, Rachel Grigorian and Kenneth Beattie Selectboard; Danial Sargeant, Fire/EMS Chief; Granville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Town Clerk

Public: None present

Call to Order: 5:35 p.m.

### **Public Communication:**

- Nothing presented

### **Amend/Approve Agenda:**

- Nothing presented

### **Financial Reports:**

- Orders – Bruce moved to approve and Rachel seconded. All in favor.
- Reports – No comments
- Warning – After a discussion with Dan it was agreed to keep the 1992 4 wheel drive fire truck and to increase the appropriation for the Corner School Resource Center. Cheryl indicated that no petitions were submitted. Rachel made the motion to accept the revised Warning and Ken seconded. All in favor.
- Budget – Rachel made the motion to accept the Proposed Budget for 2024/2025 in the amount of \$405,886.00 and Ken seconded. All in favor.
- BGS Mini Grant – Rachel made the motion to sign the Mini Grant for an additional \$2,000.00 and Ken seconded. All in favor.
- TAN Loan – Bruce made the motion to sign the loan application and Rachel seconded. All in favor.

### **Minutes:**

- January 8, 2024 Minutes - Rachel made the motion to accept the minutes as written and Ken seconded. All in favor.

### **New Business:**

- First Responders GVFD – Dan discussed with the Selectboard the proposed ambulance service for the 3 towns (Granville, Hancock and Rochester). Currently he has 22 EMS members and would like to see 28 before the project can begin in 3 years. He indicates that once they receive their transport license from the State of Vermont it would drive down the cost to the taxpayers due to the fact that they would receive reimbursement from the patients and would only operate as a back-up to White River Valley Ambulance when they were unavailable to transport the patient rather than waiting for an ambulance to come from say; Royalton or Middlebury making the wait even longer.

**New Business (continued):**

Bruce indicated that Rochester is concerned about the competing organizations for emergency medical responses. Rachel asked why Rochester would not want a back-up service? Bruce indicated that White River Ambulance wants each town to have its own first responders in the fire departments but they are unsure if they want the transport service. In this scenario; Valley Rescue Squad would operate under WRVA's umbrella and be used to transport the patient using volunteers.

The group discussed other possibilities and agreed more research is necessary before making a decision.

Ken inquired about the non-profit status going forward if this would happen. Dan indicated that it would remain a non-profit; Valley Rescue under the GVFD umbrella allowing for cost savings for insurance coverage.

Dan thanked everyone for their time and would continue the discussion as information is received.

**Old Business:**

- Nothing presented

**Roads:**

- Nothing presented

**Public Comments:**

- Nothing presented

**Items for Next Meeting:**

- Nothing presented

Next meeting will be a Special meeting on February 19, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Rachel made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m. And Ken seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Sargeant  
Town Clerk