

Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2024

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In attendance: Bruce Hyde, Chair, Kenneth Beattie and Michael Eramo, Selectboard; Mark Belisle, Constable/Buildings & Grounds Manager; Danial Sargeant, GVFD Chief and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Town Clerk

Public: Sarah Wraight, Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission (TRORC)

Call to Order: 5:42 p.m.

Public Communication:

- Nothing presented.

Amend/Approve Agenda:

- Nothing presented.

Financial Reports:

- Orders – Bruce indicated that they look good to pay. Ken made the motion to approve the Orders for payment and Mike seconded. All in favor.
- Reports – Financial Reports were accepted as presented.
- West Hill Extension Bid Opening – Bruce indicated that we received 10 bids and after a brief discussion Ken made the motion to award a contract to Shane Elwell in the amount of \$15,500.00 and Mike seconded. All in favor.
- Grant Update – Bruce indicated that Rita Seto of TRORC prepared a grant for culverts and ditching on Butz Road and we need to advertise soon. Mike inquired about a culvert inventory which was updated in 2019 and Rita updates each year with the culvert work performed. After a discussion of culverts and ditches needing to be cleaned Bruce will give Travis a call.
- Bank Accounts Update – Bruce and Nancy met with the bank and they will be submitting a proposal.

Minutes:

- March 11, 2024 – Ken made the motion to approve the minutes as written and Mike seconded. All in favor.

New Business:

- TRORC Update – GVFD Grant Sarah contacted Senator Sanders office to see about an earmark through federal funding using USDA Community Facilities which is capped at 35% and the Town would have to raise the rest before they will give out the grant. The Town might be able to apply to the Wastewater State Revolving Fund through the Agency of Natural Resources and/or Preservation Trust. Most of what the State Revolving Fund would offer would be loans. Preservation Trust grant is for rural construction projects having a 501c3 Non-Profit spear head the project up to \$500,000.00/town. There is a meeting on [April 10th](#) that Sarah and Bruce will be attending via Zoom and applications are due by [April 30th](#). Mike

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New Business (continued):

- indicated that the Corner School Resource Center of Granville applied for a grant and was going to be funded but the project has since stalled. Sarah believes that the Town can have a say in how money is spent just will need to have a special meeting. She will ask at the meeting on [April 10th](#). Dan asked if the Selectboard would be willing to look into a loan if the grants do not pan out. Bruce would like to wait until the next meeting to discuss further.
- LHMP Notice to Proceed - Cheryl given permission to proceed with advertisement since we have received the official award and grant from the Department of Public Safety.
- Gran Fondo Bike Event – Bruce indicated that on June 29, 2024 there will be riders coming up VT Route 100 from Hancock turning onto Post Office Hill Road turning north onto North Hollow Road turning north onto VT Route 100 and turning onto Plunkton Road heading into Warren. Mark and Dan were okay with the plan and Bruce signed the consent form.
- LEMP Annual Renewal – Updated contact information for individuals and included Mike’s contact information. Mark and Bruce signed the renewal.
- South Royalton Transfer Station – Ken made the motion to have Bruce sign the Letter of Support and Mike seconded. All in favor.
- Farnum Driveway Permit – Ken made the motion to have Bruce sign the permit with the understanding that a 2 foot culvert was being installed per an engineer and Mike seconded. All in favor.
- Certificate of Appointments – Selectboard signed
- Town Meeting Minutes – Bruce signed them after Kelli Eckroth had signed them.

Old Business

- Constable Report – Nothing new
- GVFD and First Responders – Dan indicated he met with Matt Parrish of WRVA to discuss plans to work together with Valley Rescue. Mike indicated that is a good thing. Dan will contact Mad River Valley Ambulance about plan, continued mutual-aid and training resources.
- Hazardous Tree Grant – Bruce signed the contract and short discussion about the State only allowing trees to be cut from November 1st to December 30th.

Old Business (continued):

- Buildings and Grounds – Mark indicated that the ECFiber phone line keeps going down and suggested installing a cell service connection. After a brief discussion it was recommended that Cheryl contact Consolidated to see what the cost would be for service.
- Planning Commission – Bruce indicated that they met the previous evening about the Flood Plain Update with TRORC.
- Cell Tower Update – Bruce indicated that there would be a hearing April 5, 2024 to discuss the proposed schedule.
- Website – Nothing presented

Roads:

- Road Commissioner – Bruce to contact Travis regarding storm clean up.
- Grants – Rita looking into more grants coming out soon.
- Gravel – Bruce indicated that the Town was continuing to get its gravel from Middlebury.
- Culverts – Mike suggested that crushed stone be placed around culverts on Post Office Hill Road beginning to slump.

Public Communication:

- Nothing presented

Items for Next Meeting:

- Nothing presented

Next meeting will be a regular meeting on May 13, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Ken made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. And Mike seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl L. Sargeant
Town Clerk