

## Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2024

### **APPROVED**

In attendance: Bruce Hyde, Chair, Kenneth Beattie and Michael Eramo, Selectboard; Mark Belisle, Constable/Buildings & Grounds Manager; Nancy Needham, Treasurer; Victoria Crowne, GVFD Town Representative and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Town Clerk

Public: John Weiner and Jared Rouleau, Owner of A&J Recycling

Call to Order: 5:35 p.m.

### **Public Communication:**

- John indicated that he was fixing his driveway and would like some of the fill and used culverts from the road project on West Hill Extension. After a brief discussion Ken and Bruce agreed to allow it and Ken would work with the contractors to get it delivered to his property rather than hauling it to the Bowl Mill.
- Jared indicated that Mike Eramo had invited him to the meeting to discuss trash and recycling for the Town. After a brief discussion it was determined that Jared would submit a proposal to be presented at the June meeting.
- Victoria indicated that she loves the new pavement but not the lip to drive over on the aprons. Ken plans on going around with fines to fill in the edges so it is not so drastic of a change. Cheryl indicated that she had others commenting on that transition as well as approaches to mailboxes.

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

- Nothing presented.

### **Financial Reports:**

- Orders – Bruce indicated that they look good to pay and Ken indicated one of Ferguson’s invoices was missing. Cheryl to look into it and have e-mailed for the Treasurer to include on order. Ken made the motion to approve the Orders for payment and Mike seconded. All in favor.
- Reports – Financial Reports were accepted as presented.
- Grant Update – Nothing presented.
- Bank Accounts – Nancy indicated that the Cemetery CDs are now in a new account earning 4.5% APY and the other Carl Morse Funds Bruce and she grouped together are earning 2.96% APY and the Highway and General Funds will be kept separate.
- ARPA Funds for Paving - Bruce indicated that they would be used for the Paving project along with the \$36,000.00 in the Paving Capital Fund which includes the \$6,000.00 to be added on July 1, 2024 as approved in the Special Warning Article at Town Meeting in March 2024. This would cover the remaining cost leaving a -0- balance in both accounts. Bruce made the motion to use all of the ARPA Funds and Paving Capital Funds to pay for the Paving contract and Ken seconded. All in favor.

**Financials (continued):**

- Hazardous Tree Grant – Bruce indicated that we have to wait until November – December to cut down the trees per grant requirements; Whitney’s are being patient.
- Payroll Tax for Child Care – After a brief discussion Bruce moved to have the Town pay .44% and Mike seconded. All in favor.

**Minutes:**

- April 4, 2024 Special Selectboard Meeting and ADA Public Hearing -- Ken made the motion to approve the minutes as written and Mike seconded. All in favor.

**New Business:**

- TRORC Update – ADA received 1 bid proposal and GVFD Bruce indicated that he received a call from Senator Balient’s Office and she would be putting in an earmark request. If approved the Town would be responsible for 25% of the project cost. Victoria indicated that there was a Concert for a Cause being held at the Warren Church to help raise funds.
- Post Office Hill Noise Complaints – Bruce indicated he has received a few complaints about the neighborhood regarding dirt bikes, noise and explosions. After a brief discussion it was determined that the Vermont State Police and Town Constable should be dealing with the issues.
- Route 100 Flood Meeting May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 a.m. Alder Meadow Pvt. – Bruce indicated that a meeting had been scheduled with the affected property owners, Agency of Natural Resources and Joran Borg, River Engineer to discuss growing concerns and remedies for a section of the White River in the Upper Village.
- ADA Request for Proposals Bid – Received 1 bid proposal from Tom Bursey Designs PLLC for \$5,600.00. Mike made the motion to accept the bid and Ken seconded. All in favor.
- Local Hazard Mitigation Request for Proposals Bid – Received 1 bid proposal from Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission for \$9,828.00. Bruce made the motion to accept the bid and Ken seconded. All in favor.
- North Star Rubbish Contract – After a brief discussion it was determined to table the item until the June meeting.

**Old Business:**

- Constable Report – Mark indicated that he upgraded the firewall on his computer which saves having to build a cage in the basement. He purchased a personal computer for his cruiser at no cost to the Town.
- GVFD & First Responder Update – Nothing presented.

**Old Business (continued)**

- Buildings and Grounds – Mark indicated that the security cameras need to be replaced. After a brief discussion it was determined to wait.
- Planning Commission – Flood Plain Public Hearing on Thursday; May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and Planning Commission meeting following at 6:30 p.m. William Brokhof and Kyle Katz; TRORC will be present.
- Cell Tower – Bruce indicated they have now moved into the Hearing phase.
- Website – Nothing presented.

**Roads:**

- Road Commissioner & Foreman – Ken indicated that he would fix the transition on the paved roads around the driveways. Grading is done for the year.
- West Hill Extension – Bruce signed the contract with Shane Elwell Excavating.
- Cullen Driveway Permit – Ken made the motion to sign the permit moving the entrance 30 feet north giving better site distance and accessibility and Mike seconded. All in favor.
- Roadside Mowing – Bruce asked Ken to give KA Bagley a call to schedule him to mow this summer.
- Vairns – Going out of business reviewed information on what they had available.
- Gravel – Ken will begin hauling gravel in June; expecting a price sheet from Ackers in Middlebury.

**Public Communication:**

- Nothing presented

**Items for Next Meeting:**

- Nothing presented

Next meeting will be a regular meeting on June 10, 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