

Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2024

APPROVED

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

Public: Shawn Dougherty; Danielle Cutting, Julie Taylor-Twitchell; Douglas & Kristi Fuller; Kate Stauss, The Corner School Resource Center of Granville; Tammi Beattie; James & Veronica Parrish and Maxwell & Britt Cohn

Call to Order: 5:35 p.m.

Public Communication:

- Shawn indicated that he had printed an updated Open Meeting Law which would require recording meetings and distributed copies. Bruce indicated that he would look them over to see how it would affect a small town like Granville with limited resources. Shawn then inquired about meeting minutes for the Planning Commission. Cheryl was instructed to look into the matter with the Planning Commission.
- Kate indicated that The Corner School Resource Center of Granville would be holding various summer programs for young and old and hoped the community would participate. She also indicated that the Center was given a community block grant to help with furthering their programs and renovations.

Amend/Approve Agenda:

- Cheryl asked to move up the Noise Complaints discussion; so moved
- **Noise Complaints** – Bruce indicated that he was receiving complaints about various noises and felt it was difficult to write an ordinance addressing those issues. Mark indicated that current State law makes it difficult to do much. Mike indicated that he too was hearing explosions lately and wondered if they were acetylene tanks being ignited. Bruce heard it too at 9:30 p.m. the other night. Dan indicated that he had been told that it was tannerite which is a regulated substance used by farmers to kill ground hogs and also fireworks which are suppose to be permitted through the GVFD and/or firearms. Danielle indicated that not all of the noise was coming from their residence and that a friend brings small explosives when he comes to visit. Jim indicated that he was not necessarily there for those noises but the motorcycles going around the track at Crowne's. State law allows from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. noise levels should be roughly 60 dBA and it was 87 dBA on the river bank behind the house. Kristi indicated that the neighborhood would like a resolution to the noise so they could go outside and enjoy their yards, porches and have the windows open. Dan passed out a DRAFT ordinance written from the Town of Williston's Noise Ordinance. Doug indicated that he had spoken with Ben Crowne Memorial Day weekend and it was only to be 1 day a week and stopping at 7:00 p.m. Nancy indicated it is a lack of respect for your neighbors. Bruce indicated that he would speak with VLCT and the Town's attorney to get guidance; in the meantime, asked that people submit their comments to the Town Clerk. Doug requested the Selectboard write a letter to the property owners and tenant addressing the neighbor's concerns and desire for peace.

Financial Reports:

- Orders – Bruce indicated that they needed to contact Pike to find out when the Stop bars would be painted; Cheryl to look into it. Nancy would be holding the School payment until she receives property tax payments and interest so the Town would not have to borrow from the Line of Credit.
- Reports – Bruce indicated the year end reports will be handed out at the July meeting for setting the property tax rate and we will know the final school tax rate as well.
- Grants – Butz Road this summer ditching and culverts from the pull off on the hill near Hagermans down.

Minutes:

- May 13, 2024 – Ken made the motion to approve as written and Mike seconded. All in favor.

New Business:

- TRORC Update – ADA moving along with the MERP audit being conducted tomorrow. No word on the GVFD earmark request.
- North Star Rubbish Contract – Ken made the motion to sign the contract and Mike seconded. All in favor.
- 4WD Tanker Truck – After discussion with Dan it was determined that the 2003 Old Rescue Truck would be sold to make room inside for the 4WD Tanker and the 2015 Ford F350 to get up the narrow hilly driveways. Ken made the motion to sell the old Rescue Truck and Mike seconded. All in favor.
- Invasive Species – After discussion Ken indicated that the mowing unfortunately would be done later than normal this year.
- Townwide Reappraisal - Bruce would like to revise the dates and advertise in the newspaper. Cheryl to contact Richard Favor to set up meeting.
- Fire Warden Appointment – Ken made the motion to reappoint James Parrish and Mike seconded. All in favor.

Old Business:

- Constable – Mark indicated that he would be relocating the radar unit to Post Office Hill Road.
- GVFD and First Responders – Dan indicated not much has changed just receiving many medical calls.
- Hazardous Tree Grant – Bruce indicated that the Town has received permission to begin work in October.

Old Business (continued):

- Buildings and Grounds – Bruce indicated we were still having a telephone line issue. Mark indicated that it has been determined that it is the fire alarm box and it should be replaced. He was awaiting a quote from Synergy Alarm and Royal Group proposed \$5,000.00. Cheryl wondered if the Department of Public Safety was giving out grants.
- Planning Commission – Bruce indicated that they have another hearing coming up on the Flood Hazard Plan June 20th. Cheryl will look into the meeting minutes for the website.
- Cell Tower – Mike indicated that they were having hearings and discovery. Cheryl indicated no more word on Verizon collocating.
- Website – Marilyn indicated that she could link meeting recordings and documents from other sources onto the Town website if that is what is required.

Roads:

- Road Commissioner & Foreman – Ken indicated that he cleaned out culverts on Post Office Hill Road and they are flowing better.
- Weiner Driveway Permit - Ken indicated that he was fine with what he did.
- Butz Road Grant – Big culvert by Landis' Ken was planning on doing himself.
- Summer Work - Bruce has asked Travis to clean out ditches and culverts but no word when that will happen.
- Gravel – Shawn inquired about the Stormwater Permit for the Bowl Mill and Ken indicated that it was being worked on. Questions arose about the gravel due the Town and it was recommended that the Selectboard request the money back.
- Grading Contract – Cheryl asked if that would be advertised when the current one terminates and Bruce indicated that it would.

Public Communication:

- Nothing presented

Items for Next Meeting:

- Nothing presented

Next meeting will be a regular meeting on July 8, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Ken made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. And Mike seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl L. Sargeant
Town Clerk