

## Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2024

**APPROVED**

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

**Public:** Shawn Dougherty; Douglas & Kristi Fuller; Ally Needham; Tanner ?; Barbara & Charles Needham; Victoria & Benjamin Crowne

Call to Order: 5:35 p.m.

### **Public Communication:**

- Doug curious where the Noise Ordinance stands. Bruce indicated that he has been researching other ordinances and can't find one he is comfortable with. After a lengthy discussion with everyone present it was proposed that the Selectboard continue researching ordinances and that they discuss the public's unhappiness with the Constable's lack of law enforcement for the Town and looking into withholding pay.

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

- Nothing was brought up.

### **Financial Reports:**

- Bruce indicated that property tax bills would be mailed later this week with a significant tax increase due to the Education Tax Rate increase.
- Orders – Ken indicated that the amount on the Highway Order for Harvey's should be twice what was indicated; correction made.
- Reports – Bruce indicated that there would be no paving article on next year's town meeting warning.
- Tax Rate – Ken made the motion to approve setting the Municipal Tax Rate at 0.7218 and Mike seconded. All in favor.
- Grants – West Hill Extension is completed by the contractor. Bruce and Ken will follow up, take pictures and make sure work is completed as specifications required.

### **Minutes:**

- June 20, 2024 – Ken made the motion to approve as written and Mike seconded. All in favor.

### **New Business:**

- TRORC Update – ADA and MERP moving along. No word on the GVFD earmark request.
- Open Meeting Law Changes – Cheryl is trying out Teams tonight to record the meetings. Marilyn will post on the website the information provided by the Secretary of State's Office how to file a complaint and the statute.
- Local Hazard Mitigation Contract – Mike made the motion to sign the contract and Ken seconded. All in favor.

**New Business (continued):**

- Catering License Request – Bruce indicated that the Town received a licensing request from the Department of Liquor & Lottery (DLL) for a wedding on Butz Road on August 17<sup>th</sup>. The board must give approval and Cheryl will notify DLL. Ken made the motion to approve the license and Mike seconded. All in favor.

**Old Business:**

- Constable – Nothing presented.
- Appraisal RFP – Bruce indicated that it has been advertised and bids are due at the August meeting.
- Noise – Discussed previously.
- Phone and Alarm Lines – Cheryl indicated that the alarm company was coming on July 23<sup>rd</sup> to perform their annual inspection/maintenance so she was hoping they would fix the problem.
- GVFD and First Responders – Dan indicated that they have responded to 205 calls during the fiscal year; 180 were EMS and 20 were fire.
- Hazardous Tree Grant – Bruce indicated that the work will begin October 1st.
- Buildings and Grounds – Nothing presented.
- Planning Commission – Bruce indicated that they are working on updating the flood map.
- Cell Tower – Not much to report still moving through the process.
- Website – Marilyn indicated that she would post whatever we need and if the recording works tonight she will post that as well.

**Roads:**

- Road Commissioner & Foreman – Ken indicated that Shane was almost done with West Hill Extension. Ken graded Maston Hill. Shawn inquired if the Town gave permission for people to work in the right-of-way on Maston Hill Road. After a brief discussion it was determined that Bruce would look into the matter with the property owner. Shawn requested that he be stopped from working in the right-of-way which also includes their right-of-way to their property.
- Butz Road Bids – The Town received 2 bids and after discussion it was determined that the Town would reject the bids and readvertise because it was felt there was confusion over who was responsible for purchasing the stone and culverts. Bruce indicated that the Town would supply the culverts and the contractor would purchase the stone. Mike made the motion to reject the bids and readvertise clarifying who is to purchase the stone and culverts and Ken seconded. All in favor.
- Gravel – After a short discussion it was determined that the Town would send an invoice to the Bowl Mill for the 760 yards of gravel purchased in 2021.

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**Public Communication:**

- Nothing presented

**Items for Next Meeting:**

- Nothing presented

Next meeting will be a regular meeting on August 12, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Ken made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. And Mike seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl L. Sargeant  
Town Clerk