

Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2024

APPROVED

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

Public: Shawn Dougherty and James Benson

Call to Order: 5:32 p.m. (Recorded)

Public Communication:

- Shawn raised the topic of Rick Lanpher working in the public right-of-way without a permit and asked if the Selectboard had a chat with him about his work in the right-of-way. Selectboard members reported they had not spoken to him. Shawn explained the issue was Rick Lanpher working in the Town right-of-way without a permit, digging and moving material at our access to Maston Hill. Shawn asked that the Selectboard tell Rick Lanpher to stay out of the right-of-way and Bruce said he would speak with him.
- Shawn inquired about the stone on West Hill Extention project he noticed more invoices coming in. Bruce indicated that it was for the required work.
- Shawn then asked if the Town received its money from the Bowl Mill; no payment has been received.
- Jay indicated that he would like to hire Fred Waite, Jr. to do some work on Kennedy Road and would like permission from the Town to have him perform the promised work on Short Hills Way. Jay indicated that he wants to clean out the water bars, grade the rough areas and move the sign for McDonald Road up near Walt's road. After a brief discussion it was agreed that Jay would fill out a permit for the work Bruce or Cheryl would sign it and the Town would pay for the work performed on Short Hills Way and Jay would take pictures before and after the work was performed and Jay would bill the Town for the work not to exceed \$2,000.00.

Amend/Approve Agenda:

- Nothing was brought up.

Financial Reports:

- Orders – Ken indicated that the mowing came out nice and made the motion that the “No Mow Areas” the property owners were responsible for taking care of their own property and Mike seconded. All in favor.
- Reports – Bruce indicated that there were a few questions that he would talk to Nancy about. Question arose as to why a Health & Welfare Payment was being made; Cheryl indicated that the entity requested it early and normally they are all paid in December/January.
- Grants – West Hill Extension is being completed by the contractor. Bruce and Ken will follow up with pictures and invoicing information for reimbursement request.

Minutes:

- July 8, 2024 – Ken made the motion to approve as written and Mike seconded. All in favor.

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New Business:

- TRORC Update – ADA and CDBG moving along and 2 documents for the Selectboard to sign. Mike made the motion to approve the letter and Policies and Codes and Ken seconded. All in favor. No word on the GVFD earmark request.
- Better Back Roads Grant for Butz Road – Bruce made the motion to put the project out for bids in November/December and Mike seconded. All in favor.
- General Permit – Cheryl indicated that the money has not been assigned to a project but it could be used for ditch and culvert cleaning or a replacement culvert. Bruce made the motion to accept the grant and Mike seconded. All in favor.
- Energy Audit – Bruce indicated no final word on our Energy Audit with Two Rivers Ottaquechee. Cheryl to follow-up with Harry Falcner to see where that is.
- Resignations – Bruce indicated that Mark has resigned from the follow positions; Animal Control Officer; Pound Keeper; Buildings & Grounds Manager; Cemetery Commissioner and E-911 Coordinator. After a brief discussion of how to fill the positions; Ken made the motion to appoint Cheryl as Buildings & Grounds Manager and Bruce seconded. Ken made the motion to appoint Marilyn as Cemetery Commissioner until Town Meeting and Mike seconded. Ken made the motion to appoint Dan as E-911 Coordinator and Bruce seconded. Leaving the Animal Control Officer and Pound Keeper to the Selectboard to fill at a later date. Marilyn indicated that now that Mark was no longer Buildings & Grounds Manager and/or E-911 Coordinator that the people appointed should have access to the computer systems including the username and passwords; Bruce agreed. Cheryl to contact Mark to request them.
- Reappraisal RFP – Bruce indicated that Richard Favor would perform the work over a 2 year period and the State was working on a plan as well. Bruce indicated that the Town should have the money needed to pay for it with the State money we receive.
- Noise Complaints – Bruce indicated that he has received 1 and Dan indicated that over the weekend there was fireworks being set off in the National Forest and that there was a petition going around calling for a Noise Ordinance.
- Phone and Alarm Issues – After a brief discussion Bruce made the motion to proceed with the AT&T Cellular Connection with Internet Back-up and Mike seconded. All in favor.
- GVFD/WRVA – WRVA was willing to work with and support GVFD First Responders and after a letter received Dan would like to see a Committee formed to take the pressure off of Matt Parrish and the WRVA Board. Bruce indicated that Mad River would be interested but that it would require more involvement by the first responders. Bruce wants to focus on Granville's needs and perhaps Hancock will join later. Cheryl was asked to prepare a letter to the WRVA Board.
- Hazardous Trees – Bruce will be going out to re-blaze so Whitney knows which ones to cut.

Old Business (continued):

- GVFD Trucks – Dan indicated that the tie-rods on the ambulance need replacement, he was working on a fund raising letter to raise money for IV equipment and Paramedic Technician supplies. The Rescue truck outside needs to be sold and he would be willing to advertise through a sealed bid on Front Porch Forum, Heavy Equipment sites and the Town website. The voters will need to decide where the proceeds are to be allocated. The pumper needs an appointment for work at Jordan Champney’s or G. Stone Motors. Ken indicated there was a good garage in Bristol and he would get the information to Dan.
- Buildings & Grounds – Cheryl indicated that she would be making an appointment to have the 2 furnaces cleaned for the upcoming heating season.
- Cell Tower – Bruce indicated that it was in the formal hearing process.
- Website – Marilyn indicated that she worked with Cheryl on recording the meeting and it would be posted to the website and deleted after 60 days and the meeting minutes are approved.

Roads:

- Road Commissioner & Foreman – Bruce indicated that Shane hydroseeded and placed big rocks in the ditches, the ditch is 10 feet high and trees are hanging and the clay bank needs stabilization.
- Butz Road – Bruce indicated that we would hold off for now on the readvertisement of Butz Road.
- Post Office Hill Road – Ken indicated that there were some water issues near Schofield’s that he was addressing.
- Used Culverts – Ken needs to clean them up and could be useful to a logger and/or property owner. Marilyn to post a notice on the website.
- Summer/Fall Work – Driveway culvert issues and the big culvert on Butz Road.
- Sand Pile – Shane responsible for putting it up and believes the Town needs 500 yards with ¾” stone mixed in.

Public Communication:

- Shawn reiterated that Jay Benson got a permit for work on a Class 4 road and that the neighbor on Maston Hill knows that there is no work to be performed on a Class 3 road.
- Kate Stauss submitted an e-mail indicating that there was an inaccuracy in the minutes for the June 10, 2024 meeting; The Corner School Resource Center of Granville, VT was given a “Project Grant from Vermont Humanities” not a community block grant.

Items for Next Meeting:

- Nothing presented

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Next meeting will be a regular meeting on September 9, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Ken made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. And Mike seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Sargeant

Town Clerk