

Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2024

APPROVED

In attendance: Bruce Hyde, Chair, Kenneth Beattie and Michael Eramo, Selectboard; Nancy Needham, Treasurer; Mark Belisle, Constable; Marilyn Dougherty, Website Manager and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Town Clerk

Public: Shawn Dougherty; Kevin Bagley; Davis Bodette and Sarah Wraight, Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission (TRORC)

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

Public Communication:

- Shawn requested an amendment to the August 12, 2024 meeting minutes; 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.
- Kevin indicated that the Town was waiting too long to grade the roads; they are rough, shoulders by the new pavement needs fill and some calcium chloride would not hurt on the gravel portions and they should be ready by now for the winter.
- Davis owns property on FSR 55 and the river bank needs reinforcement. He indicated that he had spoken to the USDA and they offer a grant program where they would pay 75% of the project and a Sponsor (non-profit) would pay the remaining 25%. Davis was wondering if the Town of Granville would be his sponsor and he would pay the 25% out of pocket and the Town would not pay anything. Bruce indicated that he had looked into the program and would have an attorney draft an agreement between the Town and Davis. Davis indicated that he had an estimate of \$18,000.00 from a local contractor and today was the last day to apply. Ken made the motion to sponsor Davis and Mike seconded. All in favor.
- Ken indicated that Green Ridge LLC had approached him regarding a logging access at Sabin Homestead which is a Class 4 road. After discussion it was agreed that they would have to fill-out a permit.

Amend/Approve Agenda:

- Nothing was brought up.

Financial Reports:

- Orders – Bruce inquired about payment to VLCT; Cheryl indicated that it was for insurances (liability, fire and workmen’s comp).
- Reports - Bruce requested the actual Highway Surplus fund amount; Nancy to look into it and also indicated that she received the remaining ARPA funds.
- Grants – Report looks fine.

Minutes:

- August 12, 2024 - Ken made the motion to accept the minutes as edited and Mike seconded. All in favor.

New Business:

- TRORC Update – Nothing presented.
- TRORC Thriving Communities – Sarah indicated that it was a USDOT program with a maximum amount of \$250,000.00 over a 3 year period to be used by TRORC and the State of New Hampshire or roughly \$20,000.00 per town for technical assistance. Bruce indicated that the town has plenty of ditching and culvert projects, bike and hiking trails and we would like to lower speed limits. After some discussion of various projects Sarah offered to come back with a work plan for the Selectboard and the community to review for further input. This program also requires community outreach and Cheryl indicated that the LHMP group is conducting a survey through Listserv and a poster on the website and bulletin boards; perhaps that would work for this project.
- CDBG Grant – Sarah indicated that the Town received \$60,000.00 to fund our ADA rehabilitation project for the municipal complex. She indicated we were awaiting pre-award paperwork and that the Town would need a volunteer committee to work on the project. Bruce indicated that the Selectboard, Cheryl and perhaps Mark would be the volunteers along with others as needed.
- Cemetery Work – Bruce indicated that Kate Stauss was interested in perhaps volunteering to care for headstones and to help raise those that have toppled. Cheryl asked that Kate reach out to the Cemetery Commission with her ideas.

Old Business:

- Constable Report – Mark indicated that he was awaiting a Statement on fireworks and that he has been working speed enforcement.
- Appraisal – Bruce indicated that we would have a contract soon to perform the reappraisal over a couple of years.
- Noise - Bruce indicated that he has not received any complaints lately and hopes people would get along.
- Phone/Alarm – Cheryl indicated that they would be here October 8th to install the new communicator.
- GVFD and First Responders – Bruce indicated that the Town received a letter from WRVA and indicated that WRVA and GVFD need to meet.
- Hazardous Trees – Bruce asked for the tree map to re-mark the trees to be cut.
- Buildings & Grounds – Cheryl to schedule furnace cleaning; need to clean up edges of cemeteries brush & weeds encroaching.
- Planning Commission – Working on the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan update.
- Cell Tower – Hearings
- Website – Marilyn indicated having uploading issues with the Selectboard meeting videos and the annual subscription renewal for the domain is coming up.

Roads:

- Butz Road - Bruce indicated that the Butz Road project will be advertised in December or January.
- Gravel – After a brief discussion it was agreed that there would be no more paying advance for gravel it would be pay as we go. Kevin indicated that Stockbridge uses Harvey's for all of their gravel needs; Ken to look into it.

Public Communication:

- Nothing presented

Items for next meeting:

- Bruce indicated that he would like to move the next 2 meetings up to the first Monday of the month; October 7th and November 4th. Mike made the motion to move the meetings and Ken seconded. All in favor.

Ken made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. And Mike seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl L. Sargeant
Town Clerk