

Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2024

APPROVED

In attendance: Bruce Hyde, Chair, Kenneth Beattie and Michael Eramo, Selectboard; Nancy Needham, Treasurer; Mark Belisle, Constable; Dan Sargeant, Fire/EMS Chief Granville Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc. (GVFD) and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Town Clerk

Public: Kate Stauss, Granville Corner School Resource Center; Matthew Parrish, White River Valley Ambulance; Rebecca Yon and Henry Webb; GVFD EMS

Call to Order: 5:30 p.m. (Recorded)

Public Communication:

- Matt indicated that he was attending the meeting due to some inaccurate information in last month's minutes. After a lengthy discussion with those present it was determined that **WRVA suggested to Dan to have all Valley Rescue members affiliate with WRVA, which would assist VRS with background checks, training and record keeping. If members of VRS are interested in being able to drive WRVA's vehicles they can take an EVOC course at WRVA. Dan and the Valley Rescue Board decided to hold off on affiliation with WRVA for now.** In the meantime; Dan and Rebecca suggested putting the ambulance service on hold and continue to operate as First Responders for the 3 towns. Bruce advised Dan to speak to Hancock and Rochester to see if they wanted to be invoiced as currently or per call basis and build the budget from there. Dan indicated that Rebecca was taking over the EMS side of GVFD so he would be stepping down from representing Granville on the WRVA Board **once a replacement was found** and Victoria Crowne was stepping down from representing the voters of Granville on the GVFD Board therefore there are 2 openings for the Granville Selectboard to solicit and appoint replacements. Kate and Dan offered to assist with that advertisement.
- Kate indicated that the Granville Corner School Resource Center just finished a successful summer full of programs. They are working on offering small winter events and looking at applying for a grant to replace the roof with standing seam.
- Kate expressed interest in working with the Cemetery Commissioners and community volunteers to help clean the many headstones in need of attention. Cheryl will look into the project further with the State Cemetery Commission and granite workers.

Amend/Approve Agenda:

- Nothing was brought up.

Financial Reports:

- Orders – Bruce inquired about Winter Sand Hauling by Shane Elwell and Winter Sand purchase from Tabor. Nancy instructed to pay Shane Elwell and to hold off on payment to Tabor due to the invoice arriving too late to be placed on the orders. Debit Account payment to ECFiber; Nancy explained what happened.
- Reports – Nancy indicated that she will be working with Robin to help clean up some remaining issues with the reports.
- Grants – Received the reimbursement for the West Hill Extension project.

Minutes:

- September 9, 2024 - Ken made the motion to accept the minutes as written and Mike seconded. All in favor.

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New Business:

- TRORC Update – Nothing presented.
- CDBG Grant – Bruce indicated that Sarah had uploaded the required documents and waiting to hear on next steps.
- Generator Maintenance – After a brief discussion regarding the estimate for repairs needed after many years of use Bruce, Mike and Ken approved the expenses. Cheryl to make arrangements with Brookfield Service.

Old Business:

- Constable Report – After a brief discussion Mark indicated that he would speak with the individual who is accused of burnouts in front of the Maxwell's and the Selectboard asked the public to advise Mark when a party is happening.
- Phone/Alarm – Cheryl indicated that they would be here tomorrow to install the new communicator and Mark requested that he be removed from their contact list.
- Reappraisal Contract - Bruce indicated that Richard Favor would change the completion year to 2026 and resubmit to the Town for approval.
- Hazardous Trees – Bruce re-marked the trees and they will grind the stumps and begin soon.
- Buildings & Grounds – Mark asked if Mike would look at the basement to see what could be done with the water coming in.
- Planning Commission – Working on the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan update meeting on October 15th at 6:00 p.m. and asking for the public to take an on-line survey.
- Cell Tower – Waiting for the Public Utility Commission to make a decision.
- Website – Nothing presented.
- Procurement Policy Update – Bruce requested that the APPROVED version of the Policy and the DRAFT be e-mailed for review for next meeting.

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 Cheryl would continue to send monthly invoices to Granville Manufacturing until the balance is paid in full with accrued interest.
- Grading Contract RFP – Bruce made the motion to advertise the Request for Proposals and Ken seconded. All in favor.
- East Granville Winter Maintenance – Bruce made the motion to send a contract renewal to Lost Nation Plowing and Mike seconded. All in favor.
- Work – Mike indicated that there was a big rock blocking a culvert along North Hollow Road (north end) which happened sometime during the winter from plowing and/or grading. Ken to look into.

Public Communication:

- Cheryl indicated she is all set with the General Election poll workers but would appreciate a few extras at closing just to help with paperwork.
- Mark indicated that we might have to look for someone to clear walkways and entrances this winter. He will ask the current person and get back to us.
- Bruce indicated the Gail Webster says there are trees in the brook above the bridge at her camp that should be taken out. Mike to look into when he goes up on Friday.

Items for next meeting:

- Bruce indicated that he would be away for the November 11th meeting and would call in rather than hold it the night before elections.

Ken made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. And Bruce seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl L. Sargeant
Town Clerk