

Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2025

APPROVED

In attendance: Kelli Eckroth, Chair; Kenneth Beattie and Michael Eramo, Selectboard; Mark Belisle, Constable; Nancy Needham, Town Treasurer; Dan Sargeant, Fire Chief and Henry Webb, Treasurer Granville Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Town Clerk

Public: Sarah Wraight and Bryan Kovalick, Two Rivers Ottaquechee Regional Commission; Catherine Gjessing, General Counsel, VT Agency of Natural Resources

Call to Order: 6:08 p.m. (recorded with Webex)

Public Communication:

- Nothing presented.

Amend/Approve Agenda:

- Cheryl indicated that she had not heard back from Sergeant Soule of the VT State Police so that item could be removed. Ken made the motion to approve the change and Mike seconded. All in favor.

Minutes:

- March 10, 2025 and April 14, 2025 – Kelli made the motion to approve the March 10, 2025 minutes as written and to Table the April 14, 2025 minutes due to a request to amend and Ken seconded. All in favor.

Visitors:

- Catherine Gjessing, appeared before the Selectboard to discuss the acquisition of 2 conservation easements by the Department of Fish and Wildlife. The easements would be on properties owned by Kenneth Gagnon and Michael & Diane Eramo relating to the AT&T cell tower project on Michael & Diane Eramo property. Discussion ensued with Mike indicating that the situation has since changed and the Gagnon's have backed out of the easement and further discussion with the Eramo's and surrounding property owners needed to happen. With this being said; Catherine will contact AT&T's attorney; William Dodge for a status update and she will seek to appear on a future Selectboard meeting agenda.
- Sarah Wraight; appeared before the Selectboard to discuss the 2 proposals received for the Town Hall ADA Project. She requested that the Selectboard review and score the proposals but she felt that Guillot Vivian Viehmann Architects Inc. (GVV) scored higher 88 points and the cost was less compared to Wunderlich-Malec Engineering (WM) which scored 71 points and the cost was over the CDBG grant amount. After further discussion Sarah would request additional information from GVV and would check with the State on the funding and other questions the Selectboard had. Mike made the motion to proceed with the project and Ken seconded. All in favor.
- Bryan Kovalick; Transportation Survey – need to create a focus group and to pull those that responded to the survey. Bryan will create a flyer to be posted to the website and posted; Town needs feed back

Visitors (continued):

from residents and can have others involved. It is recommended that 1 or 2 projects be chosen to apply for the grant up to \$15,000.00. After discussion it was agreed to hold a meeting in the Town Hall on June 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

New Business:

- Granville Flood Regulations DRAFT from Kyle Katz, TRORC – After discussion it was determined that the Selectboard needed more time to review the DRAFT Regulations and were tabled at this time. Mike made the motion to hold a Special Selectboard Meeting on Tuesday; May 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. to review the Regulations and Kelli seconded. All in favor.
- Planning Commission New Members – None presented
- Cemetery Commission New Member – Mike made the motion to appoint Vic Parrish for the remainder of Scott Sargeant's term until Town Meeting and Ken seconded. All in favor.
- Training & Bookkeeping Assistance for Treasurer – Kelli indicated that Sharon Stearns of Brandon is a Master Quickbooks instructor and is willing to work with Nancy. This would begin with cleaning up Quickbooks before the end of the fiscal year for \$2,000.00 and begin training in the next fiscal year for \$2,500.00. Ken made the motion to hire Sharon Stearns and Mike seconded. All in favor.
- Grants – Kelli suggested tabling this item for the June 4th meeting to review charts for Current & Future Grants, Capital Plan for Highways & Town and Contractor Contract List.
- Interest in Vacant Town Positions – Kelli suggested tabling this item for the June 4th meeting to get the word out. Mark suggested a separate news article in the Herald.

Executive Session:

- Went into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. to speak with GVFD members and to discuss a contractor contract issue and came out of Executive Session at 8:27 p.m. Kelli announced no action taken.

Financial Reports:

- Orders – Ken made the motion to approve the Orders as amended paying Shane Elwell Excavating for the May and June grading and Mike seconded. All in favor.
- Reports – Kelli indicated that she had questions regarding the Profit & Loss Report and would speak directly with Nancy. Ken made the motion to accept the Reports and Mike seconded. All in favor.

Old Business:

- Constable Report – There is a Transportation Roundtable at VTC on June 17th and it is FREE. Mark indicated that he has been nominated as the TAC Chair.

The radar trailer needs to be painted and the batteries are fine for now. Taser Training in June in Montpelier will be paid for by Orange County Sheriff. Patrolled the roads on Sunday.

- Town Reappraisal – Cheryl indicated the Richard Favor was working on the Town Roads beginning with West Hill. Kelli indicated that we had received approval for our Request to have the FY2024 Grand List Sales Reevaluated.
- GVFD and First Responders – Nothing presented; Kelli indicated that the building project was going to be resubmitted by Rep. Ballent for federal funding.
- Buildings and Grounds – Mike recommended having the brick sidewalk hosed off to remove the sand. Cheryl indicated that Brookfield Service would be running a trouble check on the generator for a flashing red light & battery issue.
- Cell Tower – Mike indicated the project was stalled at this point as indicated earlier.
- Website – Kelli indicated that she is working with Marilyn on changing access to open meetings using YouTube. Mark suggested looking into grants to purchase recording equipment for meetings and requesting proposals.

Roads:

- Road Commissioner Report – Ken indicated that he would like to begin graveling. Kelli indicated that Town received a proposal from Harvey's Plumbing & Excavating. After a discussion it was determined that Ken would look into more and report back.
- Driveway Permit – Morris – Ken made the motion to approve the permit and Mike seconded. All in favor.

Public Comment: None presented.

Items for Next Agenda: May 20, 2025 review Flood Regulations and Town Hall ADA Proposals.

Ken made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. and Mike seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl L. Sargeant
Town Clerk