

Granville Special Selectboard Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2025

APPROVED

In attendance: Kelli Eckroth, Chair; Kenneth Beattie and Michael Eramo, Selectboard and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Town Clerk

Public: Bryan Kovalick, Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission

Call to Order: 6:01 p.m. (recorded on WEBEX)

Review of the Results of the Transportation Survey:

- Bryan facilitated the meeting and indicated that the majority of respondents were 50 to 60 years old and the youngest was 35 years old. The top 3 concerns were the Lack of Walking/Biking; Speeding on VT Route 100 and Town Highways and the Lack of Bike Lanes; and finally Cell Service.
- Walking/Biking with a wide shoulder and the speed along VT Route 100. This would be included in a paving project for VT Route 100 through VTrans. Would like to see a trail system 77% and Connect the Upper and Lower Villages 69%. There was less support for motorized and horse trails.
- Maps and Signage for Trails.
- ADA accessible no respondent was in need of but indicated that there was a need for Public Transportation 5%.
- Vermont Trail System 2 people asked about that along with Mountain Biking Trails.
- Road Maintenance needed more ditching and culverts.
- EV Charger(s) and Park & Ride Lot.

Discussion of the Transportation Issues and Needs of Granville:

- Ken inquired about using the Class 4 roads as trails which the Town has money in the budget but not enough; could the Town apply for a Grant. He indicated that Boyden Brook is part of the Class 4 roads but the US Forest Service removed the culverts after Tropical Storm Irene and did not replace them.
- Mike indicated that the bridge at the headwall of Texas Falls was in need of repair for the past 5 years or so and the US Forest Service has ignored it and shut down the snowmobile trail from Rochester/Hancock into Granville. This would be another trail system to open up access to Granville. There is also a trail from the Bowl Mill which goes to Kennedy Road, Texas Falls/Fassett Hill Road in Hancock. He will reach out to Angus McKuster of Rochester to get permission to print the trail map developed a few years ago.
- Mike also indicated that the trail through Granville was halted due to Vermont Agency of Natural Resources; Old Growth Forest biologist not allowing access through Deer Hollow to Plunkton Road. Cheryl asked if the Town could push this if this is a project the Town wants to pursue. Bryan will look into.

Discussion of Transportation Projects in Granville:

- Upper and Lower Village Center solar speed radar signs on VT Route 100 and to seek VTrans approval to lower the speed limit to 35 MPH.
- Trail Map, Bike Stand and Signs at the Commons
- Bryan asked about Grant Projects to apply for: Ken indicated a small culvert replacement on North Hollow Road by the Parkers with underdrain, 2 culverts and raising the ditches for better drainage.
- Ken met with the contractor for the Butz Road Ditching & Culvert project and they will let him know when they will begin.
- Ken indicated that the Town Line large culvert and Butz Road large culvert would be applied for later as they were too expensive.
- Ken indicated that there is a culvert at the Rob Ford meadows that needs replacement.
- Ken inquired if there were grants to remove the Wild Chervil. We have a citizen that would like to try using a hot water power washer to kill the plants. Mike indicated that he has heard vinegar, salt and dish soap works but he would like to try spraying lime on the plants.
- Kelli inquired about grants for Japanese Knotweed heard of using goats to eat it and restaurants are serving it.
- Bryan will follow up and be in touch with the information.

Ken made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. and Kelli seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl L. Sargeant
Town Clerk