

Granville Special Selectboard Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2025

APPROVED

Call to Order 5:50 PM via WEBEX

In Attendance:

Selectboard Members: Kelli Eckroth, Chair, Michael Eramo and Kenneth Beattie; Nancy Needham, Town Treasurer; Marilyn Dougherty, Website Administrator and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Town Clerk
Public: Sarah Wraight, Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission (TRORC); Douglas Viehmann, Diem-Chi Nguyen and Alex Wills of GVV Architects; Shawn Dougherty; Jared Rouleau; Charles Smith, Jr. and Dan Gendron

Town Hall Project Update #2 Meeting

Doug indicated that the Town will not have to apply for a Wastewater and/or Stormwater Permit for the project. Since the last meeting his team has come up with 4 options;

Option #1 – install a lift and stairs on the back of the Town Hall for access to the second floor, removing the bulkhead to the basement creating access from the inside and this would create room for 75 people on the second floor.

Option #2 – install a lift and stairs on the back of the Town Hall for access to the second floor and leave the bulkhead in place.

Option #3 – install a lift in the Annex Hallway by the double fire doors, removing the pews on the northside with access into the second floor. Which would eliminate the window in the Annex, the middle window of the Town Hall and second floor. Reworking the 2 stairways for easy entrance and egress to the second floor.

Option #4 – take out a set of stairs and install a lift in the closet, rebuild the other set of stairs and install an egress out the back of the building from the second floor which would leave the pews as they currently are.

The Selectboard indicated that they liked Option #4 so far. Shawn asked about the costs for each option. Doug indicated that they had not cost them out at this time but thought that Option #4 would be the least. Shawn then inquired about funding and how much the Town would have to pay. Sarah indicated that so far they are not certain about the construction grant funding as they have to wait until this phase was complete before they could apply for those funds. It was a wait and see situation. Kelli explained the steps that TRORC has to take to assist the Town in locating grants.

Doug indicated that they would need to look into the floor condition of the second floor and if it needs support. He will be reaching out to the Regional Fire Marshall to get feedback on the proposed Option 4 plan. Between now and the next meeting on August 25, 2025 they will be conducting exterior evaluations.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cheryl L. Sargeant
Granville Town Clerk