

Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2025

APPROVED

In attendance:

Town: Kelli Eckroth, Chairperson, Mike Eramo and Kenneth Beattie, Selectboard; Bruce Hyde, Auditor; Mark Belisle, Constable; Marilyn Dougherty, Website Administrator and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Town Clerk

Public: Sarah Wraight, Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission (TRORC); Roger Stauss and Shawn Dougherty

Kelli called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Communication:

- Marilyn inquired Kelli as Ethics Commission Liaison that the Cemetery Commission is not under the purview of the Selectboard; correct? The meeting minutes and video are missing from their last meeting, and she would like to know what was discussed regarding the back lot of the Elmwood Cemetery and asked if Kelli could get that from them. Kelli explained that she informed them of the requirements for submitting the recording and written meeting minutes and if they cannot provide them then the decisions made at the last meeting would be invalid and would have to be warned for another meeting.
- Roger asked if the Corner School Resource Center of Granville, VT could be sent their Annual Appropriation. After discussion it was agreed that if funds were available the Treasurer would send it.

Amend/Approve Agenda:

- Cheryl asked to remove Item 6; g from the agenda as she received notice that the Cemetery Commission was postponing the event until Spring. So moved.

Town Plan Grant Application DRAFT:

- Sarah reviewed each point of the application with the Selectboard pointing out that the Selectboard had said at their last meeting they wanted more housing and jobs creation. Sarah also indicated that she would review the current Plan to assure that the Selectboard was following the recommendations made in the previous plan and if not would again address them. At this point, the Planning Commission will be in charge of edits holding 2 public hearings and passing onto the Selectboard to hold its own public hearings and approval then passing onto the regional commission and the state. Mike gave an overview of the recreational aspect the Town is looking for in Section 4.4 starting in Rochester going through Hancock to Texas Falls through Granville to the Granville Gulf. The US Forest Service was on board with it, but the VT Agency of Natural Resources stopped the project, so the plan is to go from Rochester over to Braintree. Ken indicated that he thought it was nicely put together. Sarah will clean up the accounting section.

CDBG Grant Invoices:

- Sarah has invoices to submit to GEARS for reimbursement, and she asked the Selectboard to please review and comment on the historic review documents they were sent a month ago so the consultant can finish her work.

Financials:

- Orders – Added in the invoice from TRORC for technical assistance for the Grants in Aid Kelli made the motion to approve the Orders as presented and Mike seconded. All in favor.
- Reports – Kelli made the motion to approve the Financials as presented and Mike seconded. All in favor.
- Delinquent Property Tax Sale – After discussion Kelli made the motion to have Nancy contact the Town Attorney to pursue property tax sale for properties at or above \$10,000.00 and Mike seconded. All in favor.

Minutes:

- September 9, 2025, and September 22, 2025 – Kelli made the motion to table them until next meeting as they were overlooked and Mike seconded. All in favor.

New Business:

- Discuss & Appoint 2 Auditors – Kelli made the motion to appoint Roger Stauss and Rachel Grigorian until next Town Meeting and Ken seconded. All in favor.
- WEBEX Training – Kelli indicated that the donated Chromebook would not work with the WEBEX system so she will look into another option. Meanwhile, Cheryl has been given information to facilitate setting up meetings for the various Boards and Commissions.
- LHMP DRAFT – Kelli made the motion to move it along to VT Emergency Management for a second review and Mike seconded. All in favor.
- Flood Regulations DRAFT – Kelli made the motion to move it along and the Selectboard will hold a Hearing and Vote at the November 10, 2025, meeting and Mike seconded. All in favor.
- Fair Housing Act – Cheryl briefed the Selectboard on the online seminar she attended and per the Act the Town Plan cannot discriminate against proposed housing units being built unless in a designated flood zone.

New Business: (continued)

- Discuss & Appoint Town Representative to White River Valley Ambulance Board – Kelli made the motion to appoint Cheryl L. Sargeant and Mike seconded. All in favor.
- Lease for Granville Volunteer Fire Dept. (GVFD) – Bruce indicated that it was not the Lease he was referring to it was the General Agreement the Town has with GVFD. After brief discussion Kelli indicated that the Selectboard would review and come up with points of negotiation.

Executive Session:

- Selectboard went into Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. and came out of Executive Session at 7:37 p.m. with no decisions being made.

Old Business:

- Constable Report – Mark indicated that he has been attending required training and has filed required reports.
- Town Reappraisal & BCA Training – Cheryl indicated that the Assessor was finishing up Post Office Hill Road and visiting other properties when property owners are available. He plans on going to East Granville within the next 2 weeks. The Assessor is recommending that the members of the BCA attend Property Tax Appeal training in preparation for the Reappraisal Grand List in 2026.
- Planning Commission – Nothing presented.
- GVFD Update – Nothing presented.
- Status of Sale of Fire Truck – Cheryl indicated that she was told GVFD has an interested party, and they were asked to put it in writing.
- Website Update – Marilyn indicated she uploaded the Planning Commission minutes and that she was just handed information about the State's .gov Domain and would look into it. Cheryl indicated that there was an hour training session on Wednesday, October 15th if she and Kelli wanted to attend.

Roads:

- Sand Pile – Ken indicated that they were working on trucking sand.
- Grading – Maston Hill Road was complete, but they need to roll the hills right after grading. Ken indicated that October 15th they would be finished doing the rest of the roads.

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Roads (continued):

- Ken indicated that he would like to apply for a grant to replace 2 culverts and ditching on Town Line Road.
- Cheryl asked if the Selectboard would like her to contact Brett Stickney to see if he would be interested in plowing and sanding Handly Road again this year. The Selectboard agreed to contact him.

Public Comment:

- Bruce called Mark to inform him that the Parking Lot light was not working. Mark found that the timer was shut off and that the Town should consider replacing the lights and timer along with an updated security system.

Items for Next Agenda: Regular Selectboard Meeting November 10, 2025:

- Town Hall Project Update #6
- Town Audit Update
- Delinquent Tax Sale Update
- GVFD General Agreement Review

Mike made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. and Ken seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl L. Sargeant
Town Clerk