

Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2026

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In attendance:

Town: Kelli Eckroth, Chairperson, Mike Eramo and Kenneth Beattie, Selectboard; Marilyn Dougherty, Website Administrator (via WEBEX); Mark Belisle, Constable; Dan Multcher, Cemetery Commission; Nancy Needham, Town Treasurer and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Town Clerk

Public: Sarah Wraight, Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission (TRORC); Ari Lattanzi, TRORC (via WEBEX); Charlie Smith and Dan Genderon, ECS Excavating & Landscaping LLC and Shawn Dougherty (via WEBEX)

Kelli called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Public Communication:

- Kelli indicated that the Town has received a letter from the Agency of Natural Resources; Forest Parks & Recreation informing us that the sale of the Richardson property was moving forward with a closing set for January 28, 2026.
- Kelli indicated that TRORC has issued a Request for Proposals for the Municipal Energy Resiliency Project (MERP) with a walk through on January 22, 2026.
- Kelli informed the Selectboard members and those attending that she has submitted her resignation effective March 3, 2026.

Amend/Approve Agenda:

- Moving topics around so Ari and Sarah can attend other appointments.

Thriving Communities Projects:

- Ari introduced herself as the Grants Administrator and mentioned that there was a new Highway Safety Grant with awards of \$5,000.00 up to \$50,000.00 which is 100% funded and due February 2, 2026. It can be used for hazardous tree removal, reducing speed limits with signage, guardrails, etc.

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Planning Grant and CDBG Town Hall Project:

- Sarah indicated that by approving the Planning Grant the Town will receive \$14,880.00 to update the current plan by 2028 and TRORC would be doing the work with the Planning Commission & Selectboard's holding their respective public hearings. Sarah to work with Kelli to update GEARS with the acceptance. Kelli made the motion to accept the State Grant and Ken seconded. All in favor.
- Sarah indicated that she has a requisition ready to submit and just needed confirmation of Town hours. Mike was disappointed that we have not received drawings to look as it would be nice to review prior to the next Selectboard meeting. Sarah indicated that she had called Brett at the State regarding the inground tank and he had indicated that it would be no problem hiring a consultant to locate it.

Financials:

- Orders – Nancy indicated that she was adding another CV Oil Co. invoice to the orders. Kelli instructed Charlie to submit daily log sheets with their invoices with in and out times and names. Charlie indicated there was a tree leaning over Butz Road that he would cut out of the way. They are using the skid steer to load sand as the loader blew the engine. Ken indicated that sanding on North Hollow Road was not enough and found a few icy spots which ECS took care of. Kelli made the motion to accept the Orders as amended and Ken seconded. All in favor.
- Reports – Nothing presented.
- Delinquent Property Tax Sales – Nancy indicated that she has sent 4 – 5 potential sales information to the Town's attorney and has not heard back. Kelli indicated that we need to hear from him and perhaps a conference call with Kelli on the call would help get it moving.

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Financials (continued):

- Proposed Budget – After review and discussion changes were made. Kelli made the motion to accept the proposed budget total of \$478,948.00 and Mike seconded. All in favor.
- Warning Articles – After a lengthy discussion; Cheryl will reach out to VLCT's legal staff to get clarification on how to write a final proposed article requested by Kelli. Cheryl will update the Warning as recommended by VLCT for the Selectboard to sign.

Minutes:

- 12/08/2025 and 01/05/2026 Meetings – Kelli made the motion to approve the meeting minutes as written and Ken seconded. All in favor.

New Business:

- Annual Highway Mileage Certification – Ken made the motion to approve the certification without any changes made and Mike seconded. All in favor.

Old Business:

- Audit – Nothing presented.
- Town Report – Cheryl reminded everyone present that January 22, 2026 is the deadline for various Town Officers' Reports so she will have time to pull it together and get to the printers by the deadline.

Roads:

- Ken indicated he had nothing further to discuss.

Public Comments:

- Nothing presented.

Items for Next Agenda:

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Kelli made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. and Ken seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Sargeant

Town Clerk