

Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2026

APPROVED

In attendance:

Town: Kelli Eckroth, Chairperson and Kenneth Beattie, Selectboard; Marilyn Dougherty, Website Administrator (via WEBEX); Mark Belisle, Constable; Danial Sargeant, GVFD Fire Chief; Bruce Hyde and Roger Stauss, Auditors; Nancy Needham, Town Treasurer and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Town Clerk

Public: Sarah Wraight, Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission (TRORC); Jon Lambert and Logan Wraight, GVFD Officers and Shawn Dougherty (via WEBEX)

Kelli called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Public Communication:

- Roger indicated that he would like to discuss the e-mail from Dan regarding the Audit as he had questions surrounding Item #4 support for donations and coin drops. Dan indicated that it was a quick response which was a mistake and he did not clearly understand the item. Kelli then went into her issues with the GVFD; the audit and questions surrounding attendance and calls. Dan along with Jon and Logan explained that there are 16 members as indicated in the information provided to the Auditors and Selectboard and at any given time 8 – 15 members could possibly respond to a call in Granville and/or as mutual aid to Hancock or Rochester depending on the day and time of day. After further discussion it was noted by all that a get together before Town meeting be held so citizens can ask questions and gain a clear understanding of GVFD. Marilyn asked if GVFD had pursued the licensing of the proposed transport service as indicated by Rebecca Yon, Paramedic. Dan indicated that GVFD has stopped pursuing a license to provide a transport ambulance service because we lost White River Valley Ambulance support for that service. GVFD is simply responding to medical calls in Granville and Hancock as certified EMTs and waiting for WRVA or another ambulance service to transport the patient to hospital. The Town of Rochester has taken on responding to their own medical calls through their fire department volunteers with certified EMTs, so GVFD has fewer calls to respond to. It was also noted that a Town Representative should be appointed to communicate with the Selectboard and attend meetings so there would be no issues in the future between the 2 entities. Dan indicated that he has just become nationally certified as an EMT and waiting notification from the State. The discussion regarding treasurer responsibilities and possibly having the Town Treasurer perform them will be taken up at a later date. Kelli will coordinate the Open House and will post soon.
- Marilyn indicated that there would be future website purchases and asked to have Nancy involved to set up automatic payments. Marilyn will submit a request for reimbursement for the registration she just paid for.
- Kelli reminded all of those attending that she is resigning and that this was her last Selectboard meeting.

Amend/Approve Agenda:

- Nothing presented; Kelli and Ken approved. All in favor.

Financials:

- Orders – Nancy indicated that the Highway Budget is overspent and requested permission to either use the Surplus Account and/or the TAN Loan to cover expenses til next fiscal year. Kelli made the motion to instruct the Treasurer to use the Highway Surplus monies to cover highway expenses til next fiscal year and Ken seconded. All in favor.
- Reports – Kelli approved as presented and seconded by Ken. All in favor.
- Delinquent Property Tax Sales – Nancy indicated that she has forwarded Kelli’s proposed letter to Michael Tarrant for review prior to sending to the taxpayers.

Minutes:

- Ken made the motion to approve the January 12, 2026 meeting minutes as written and Kelli seconded. All in favor

New Business:

- Town Meeting – Cheryl indicated that the reports should arrive next week and will be mailed within the 10 day requirement. Kelli inquired about refreshments and all have been asked via the Report to bring something to share. Cheryl will set the Town Hall in the usual fashion.
- Orca to Record Town Meeting – Cheryl indicated that she has made arrangements to have the Town Meeting recorded by Orca of Montpelier and will provide the link to Marilyn to post to the Town website and YouTube.
- Rabies Clinic – Mark indicated that he has organized the annual rabies clinic on March 25, 2026 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Hancock Volunteer Fire Department. Town Clerks from Granville and Hancock will be available to register dogs.
- Tax Map Maintenance Contract – Kelli made the motion to approve the annual updates and Ken seconded. All in favor.
- Governor Appoints Justice of the Peace – Cheryl indicated that she has received notification that the Governor has appointed our 5th Justice of the Peace due to Robin Hagerman’s resignation being Danial Sargeant. He will serve until the Mid-Term Elections in November 2026.

Old Business:

- Constable Update – Mark indicated that his video system in his cruiser was failing and he would like to purchase a new one at a cost of \$9,000.00. After discussion it was determined that there were no monies in the budget to cover such a cost and he would have to research and provide options to the Selectboard at their next meeting. Mark indicated that he would be going to 2 days of training at the end of the month and the State will be performing its annual inspection of his office set up.

Old Business (continued):

- Website Update – Kelli indicated that she would be working with Nancy and Cheryl to transition the Selectboard Gmail account and WEBEX account over to the Town. She will schedule a meeting for a Friday.
- Marilyn indicated that she was still looking into the .gov domain with the State and might need Nancy to assist her with that.
- CDBG Town Hall Project - Sarah indicated that it would cost \$1,660.00 to test to see if the oil tank is in the ground performed by a subcontractor of Wagner Heindel & Noyes and the grant would cover the cost. So for now, because there is a slight problem with their SAM registration we are holding off on signing the contract tonight. Mike texted to say to have it done. Kelli made the motion to have the work done upon SAM registration and Ken seconded. All in favor.
- Review Town Hall Plans – Sarah asked if there were any in-kind hours to report for the review and Ken indicated that he had about 2 hours, Bruce 1 hour. She also reminded the Selectboard that GVV's contract expires on March 31, 2026 so we would have to wrap it up. She asked Cheryl to notify her when we have a new Selectboard Chair so she could work with them to get them set up in GEARS, etc.
- GVFD Project – Sarah asked how it was going with the USDA grant for the fire house and asked if we had someone familiar with their grant system. Cheryl indicated that she is very familiar with their system as she went through the process with the renovation project for the Town Clerk's Office. She also indicated that they want to set up a Teams meeting with those interested in being involved in the project. Volunteers: Bruce, Dan, Cheryl and Mike; Cheryl will reach out to her contact to get it scheduled.
- LHMP Adoption – Kelli made the motion to adopt the plan and forward to FEMA and Ken seconded. All in favor.

Road Commissioner:

- Ken indicated that he had nothing to report and seemed to be doing well with plowing and sanding.
- Kelli indicated that there was a cave in the sand pile and before it falls on them and/or someone else to have them knock it down. Ken said he would look into it and have them take care of it if necessary.

Public Comments:

- Shawn asked how much was the video system Mark requested (\$9,010.00). Kelli indicated that it recently broke and needs it prior to the next budget. The Selectboard cannot commit to a 5 year contract to pay it off and this is reason why the Constable's position and budget will be discussed at Town Meeting.
- Ken indicated that he was not planning on running again for Selectboard or any office.

Items for Next Agenda:

- Reorganization
- Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Volunteer Positions
- Town Meeting Wrap Up
- Constable Video System
- Town Hall Project
- USDA Grant for Fire House

Kelli made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. and Ken seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Sargeant
Town Clerk