

Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2026

APPROVED

In attendance: Michael Eramo, Robert Readie and Jared Rouleau, Selectboard; Kelli Eckroth, Moderator; Danial Sargeant, Granville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (GVFD) Chief; Marilyn Dougherty, Website Administrator (WEBEX); Mark Belisle, Constable; Nancy Needham, Town Treasurer and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Town Clerk

Public: Sarah Wraight (in-person), Ari and Bryan Kovalick (WEBEX), Two Rivers Ottaquechee Regional Commission; Kenneth Beattie; Mary Falcon; James Parrish; Bruce Hyde; John Weiner, Logan Wraight and Jon Lambert; GVFD

Call to Order: 6:10 p.m. by Kelli.

Public Communication:

- Jared and Robert were sworn into office and handed their keys.

Amend/Approve Agenda:

- Thriving Communities Grant Ari explained that in looking for projects here in Granville she suggested that the Town use the funds for an engineering study for a culvert project. In looking over the Town's culvert inventory there are two on Butz Road, one on Kenney Road, two on Town Line Road and one on Braintree Mountain Road that need replacement. Ken indicated that she would need to check the System to make sure that those culverts had not already been replaced prior to asking the engineering team to work on a scope for one of them.
- CBDG Grant Sarah reminded the Selectboard that GVV's contract ends at the end of March and the Town needs to wrap this portion of the project by June 30, 2026. Kelli reminded everyone that the ground penetrating test was separate from this work. Mike would like to have larger plans to review and the stoop in front of the town hall made into one solid piece to prevent water infiltration and the railing design. Sarah will investigate and will provide large sets of plans for review. The 3 Selectboard members and others on the project committee will meet on Wednesday; March 18th at 6:00 p.m. to review the plans. Sarah indicated that the latest estimate is \$500,000.00 and she continued to look for other funding sources for the construction portion.
- Section 601 Report – 2 recommendations another Historic Review and before pictures of the project area. She also indicated that the Town was lagging on in-kind contribution, she will work with the new Selectboard Chairman to get set up in GEARS and she will work with Cheryl and Nancy on reporting requirements. Close out will need a public hearing to be warned around June 1st giving a summary to the public. Bruce suggested having it at a regular Selectboard meeting.

Financial Reports:

- Orders – Mike made the motion to pay the Orders as presented and Bob seconded. All in favor.
- Reports – Financial Reports were accepted as presented.
- Renewal of TAN Loan – Nancy has been in contact with Bar Harbor Bank and waiting for information. Mike made the motion to apply for Tax Anticipation Loan not to exceed \$100,000.00 and Bob seconded. All in favor.

Minutes:

- February 9, 2026 – Mike made the motion to table approval until the new Selectboard could review the minutes and Bob seconded. All in favor.
- March 3, 2026 Town Meeting Minutes – Kelli as Moderator and Nancy Demers as Justice of the Peace approved the minutes as written.

New Business:

Selectboard Reorganization – appointment under Statue 24 § 871

- Elect Board Chair – Mike made the motion to appoint Bob and Jared seconded. All in favor.
- Clerk to the Selectboard – Cheryl L. Sargeant
- Tree Warden – Tabled (John Weiner or Rachel Grigorian)
- Pound Keeper – Valley Animal Hospital
- Town Service Officer – Cheryl L. Sargeant

Organization

- Set Calendar Dates for Regular Selectboard Meetings – continue with the second Monday of the month beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- Name Primary Newspaper for Public Notices – The Herald of Randolph
- Set at Least 2 Public Locations for Posting Notices – US Post Office and Town Hall Bulletin Board

Appointments

- Road Commissioner – Jared Rouleau
- Road Foreman – Vacant
- Animal Control Officer – Selectboard to place an advertisement on Front Porch Forum
- Health Officer - Selectboard
- Buildings & Grounds Manager – Mark Belisle and Cheryl L. Sargeant
- E911 Planner – Danial Sargeant
- Local Emergency Services Director – Mark Belisle
- White River Valley Ambulance Representative – Cheryl L. Sargeant
- Town Liaison to the GVFD Board – James Parrish
- Town Website Administrator – Marilyn Dougherty
- FEMA Coordinator – Cheryl L. Sargeant
- Green Up Day Coordinator – Kelli Eckroth

Boards & Commissions

- ECFiber Representative – Richard Poole; Alternate – Bruce Hyde

Town Contracts Review: Mike made the motion to approve all the contracts and Bob seconded. All in favor.

- Updated Contact List with Bob and Jared's information
- Renewal of North Star Rubbish & Recycling contract – Mike would like to hold a FREE trash hauling day to clean up things that are difficult to dispose of.
- Renewal of US Postal Service Lease Agreement
- Review & Approve Construction Contract for MERP Upgrades to Town Offices

Old Business

- Constable Report – Mark indicated that the State will be inspecting his office on March 10th.
- Town Reappraisal – Selectboard signed the No Suits Pending form
- GVFD & First Responders Meeting – Bob and Jim will attend meeting on March 10th and introduce themselves.
- Buildings & Grounds – Mark replaced two light bulbs in hallway and CV Oil replaced the control box on the furnace.
- Planning Commission – Beginning work on the Town Plan
- Zoom Meeting with USDA – Waiting to hear back on date and time.
- Computer for WEBEX meeting – Kelli found three systems and after discussion Mike made the motion to purchase the Dell Touchscreen laptop and Bob seconded. All in favor.

Roads:

- Road Commissioner/Foreman Report – Ken’s parting report we made it through the winter, the sand pile is holding up and the banks have melted. He put up the Annual Weight Limit signs at the ends of the five town highways and Cheryl will post information to notify trucking companies.
- FY27 Town Highway Grants & Annual Reports – Cheryl will work with Jared on submittal to VTrans along with contact information.
- Ken will return the laptop and York Rake.

Public Communication:

- Cheryl indicated that someone from the cell tower installation crew stopped in looking for assistance and indicated that if all goes well it should be installed in May.

Next meeting will be a special meeting on March 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. and a regular meeting on April 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Mike made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. And Bob seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl L. Sargeant
Town Clerk