

Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2026

APPROVED

In attendance: Robert Readie, Chair; Michael Eramo and Jared Rouleau, Selectboard; James Parrish, GVFD Town Representative; Nancy Needham, Town Treasurer; and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Town Clerk

Public: Jessica Pollack; Bruce Danek; Kenneth Beattie; Dave Guerette; Bruce Hyde; Richard Hotchkin; Lt. Sweetser and Sgt. Austin Soule, VT State Police Bethel

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

Public Communication:

- Bob indicated that the Town had received a \$100.00 donation for the Conservation Commission Fund in memory of Michael Jaesson.

Amend/Approve Agenda:

- Bob and Mike moved to approve the agenda.

Financial Reports:

- Orders – Bob made the motion to pay the Orders as presented and Jared seconded. All in favor.
- Reports – Bob made the motion to accept the reports with minor adjustments and Jared seconded. All in favor.
- Debit/Credit Card System for Payment Agreement – Nancy indicated that after discussion with MUNICIPALPAY she felt comfortable with proceeding and asked Bob to sign the Agreement along with her to proceed with getting it set up.
- Credit Card Status – Nancy indicated that it was in effect with a \$25,000.00 limit.

Minutes:

- May 11, 2026 – Bob made the motion to approve as presented and Mike seconded. All in favor.

New Business:

- Bid Opening for North Hollow Road Ditching & 8 Culverts:
 - GM Bowen Excavating Contractor, Inc. - \$40,084.00
 - ECS Excavating & Landscaping LLC - \$31,320.00
 - Hallstrom Excavating LLC - \$42,669.00
 - Stromme Properties LLC - \$24,500.00

After a brief discussion Mike made the motion to accept the bid from Stromme Properties LLC of Richmond, VT and Jared seconded. All in favor.

- Sgt. Soule & Lt. Sweetser introduced themselves and explained that they were at the meeting as part of their public relations initiative and to hear any concerns the Town may have regarding law enforcement, etc. They indicated that they can provide traffic safety check points, contracted services, first aid and rescue training for the fire department, attend community events (i.e. touch a truck, open houses, etc.), etc. They indicated that by July their staffing level should be good so they can patrol out into the outlying areas they serve as a show of presence.

New Business (continued):

Discussions surrounding bike and hiking trails and lost and/or injured people and resources they have available to them and the fire department. They have 2 embedded mental health advocates that respond to those types of calls. Some issues the Town is dealing with can also be handled through Ordinances.

Old Business:

- CBDG Grant – Bob indicated that the Ground Penetrating Radar Test was completed and nothing was found.
- MERP Grant – Cheryl indicated that the weatherization project just wrapped up and the HVAC Contract was in the folder for signature; Bob signed the contract.
- Constable – Nothing presented.
- GVFD Building Improvements USDA Grant – Bob indicated that the group met last Thursday and once the information was gathered Cheryl would fill in the application with more detail and submit to the USDA for further review and next steps for the Town.
- Town Reappraisal – Cheryl indicated that Grievance Notices were mailed and hearings are being scheduled. Bob asked Cheryl to contact the Town's attorney to discuss a situation and the Selectboard will hold a Special meeting.
- Lime for Town Green – Mike sent a soil sample in and is awaiting results.
- Table & Bench for Commons – Cheryl/Mark to forward information to Selectboard with estimated costs for discussion at next meeting.
- ACT 181 Letter – Bob indicated that he had heard from the Governor and Lt. Governor regarding the letter sent on behalf of the Town.
- 410 Post Office Hill Road – Cheryl instructed to send a follow up letter as some clean up had been done but more was needed.

Roads:

- Sabin Homestead Logging Permit – Bruce Danek indicated that the property owner in following his Current Use requirements must log the 120 acres of forest during 2026/2027. They will be using the Town's legal trail out to the old homestead which is a flat area to stage it as a landing for chipping and preparing logs for the mill. Some culverts will need to be replaced and/or repairs to them, a temporary wooden logging bridge will traverse a small stream. No ACT 250 permit is required; David Guerette, representing the property owner is in support of the project just concerned that requirements are met and enforced. Ken indicated he would be willing to meet with the property owners to show which trees are needed to be cut and sharing of the driveway so there are no issues. Bob made the motion to approve the permit indicating that it would be followed closely and the landing and road/driveway would be cleaned up and Mike seconded. All in favor.

Public Communication:

- Ken asked if he could receive permission from the Selectboard to grade his portion of Buttles Road at his own expense; no cost to the Town. Mike made the motion to allow Ken to perform the grading at no cost to the Town and Bob seconded. All in favor.

Items for Next Agenda:

- Snowplowing Bid Advertisement
- Grading Bid Advertisement
- Mowing Bid Advertisement – Town/Cemetery
- Roadside Mowing – Simplified Bid Calls
- Sand Pile – Hauling and Putting Up
- GVFD Portalet
- Municipal Tax Rate Setting
- Year End Financial Reports & Clean Up

Next meeting will be a regular meeting on July 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Bob made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. And Jared seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl L. Sargeant
Town Clerk