

Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2026

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Town: Robert Readie, Chairman; Jared Rouleau and Michael Eramo, Selectboard; Marilyn Dougherty, Website Administrator; Mark Belisle, Constable; Danial Sargeant, GVFD Fire/EMS Chief; James Parrish, Town Representative to GVFD; Diane Eramo, Town Representative to Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) Board and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Town Clerk

Public: Sarah Wraight, TRORC and Shawn Dougherty

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

Public Comments: Shawn inquired about the Profit & Loss Budget Line Item 4010 – Treasurer Training expense and continued training. Bob indicated that he would follow-up with the Town Treasurer and would report back.

Marilyn inquired about the Church project elevator location being changed. Mike indicated that VT Historic Preservation did not want the 2 staircases either removed and/or redesigned that they would prefer to have 1 left as is and redesign the second and moving the lift to the back of the building. Marilyn then asked who would foot the bill for the change and Sarah replied that the Grant would cover the cost. Discussion ensued regarding the ballooning costs, Town costs not known and the money could be better spent elsewhere as income from use not known. Sarah would reach out to the State Fire Marshall to get his opinion on Option #2 and the parking lot entrance along with looking into Federal/State funding sources, donations from outside sources (i.e., John Deere Corporation, the Northern Borders Regional Commission Grant). One question that must be answered would there be an economic gain from potential rentals, etc. it was indicated that answer is not known at this time (no survey has been conducted). Cheryl indicated that there is structural work needed on the second floor joists, steel support beams for steeple and steel support beams in the Town Hall. Sarah will check with GVV for the engineering report details and will investigate having to conduct a brownfield survey due to the Federal/State funding.

Financials:

- Orders – Jared indicated that the blacktop on Post Office Hill Road needs to be repaired & some odds & ends on North Hollow Road. Bob indicated that he wanted more detail on what TRORC was doing for the Town on the MERP & Planning Grants; Cheryl instructed to hold both invoices. Bob made the motion to pay the remaining invoices as presented and Mike seconded. All in favor.
- Reports – Bob will investigate the Addison County Tax. Bob made the motion to accept the reports as presented and Jared seconded. All in favor.
- Tax Sales – Cheryl indicated that the Treasurer is awaiting information from the Attorney to be recorded, posted, and mailed.
- GVFD Fund Raising Funds – Dan indicated that he would like it on the record how the GVFD uses fund raising monies for Specific Projects by setting up an account in QuickBooks, depositing the monies after coin drops and then purchasing the intended item. Monies from coin drops are counted with 3 individuals at the end of the event, stored in a secure location, and then brought to the bank. Beginning this

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Financials (continued):

- fiscal year the GVFD will document the process for which he would like the Selectboard's blessing. Bob made the motion to accept the Fund Raising procedures and Jared seconded. All in favor.
- Bob indicated that he would like to see the outdated equipment at the GVFD replaced by slowly phasing in newer equipment. Mike asked if Dan could provide a list of what their equipment needs were. Dan indicated that he would like to begin with 2 new air packs just purchased and every 3 years purchase another one. Mike asked if they had airpacks for those not going into burning buildings but on the outside doing other things. Right now, there was no plan to do that but could use Scott's air masks and/or the outdated ones for that purpose. Bob indicated that for now they have access to equipment to decontaminate their turnout gear but with the new addition would like to do that in-house.

Minutes:

- August 10, 2026 – Jared made the motion to approve them as written and Mike seconded. All in favor.

New Business:

- Bid for Town & Cemetery Properties – After reviewing the Selectboard unanimously accepted the bid submitted by Twitchell's Cleaning Services for \$10,500.00/year for a 3-year contract.
- TRORC Alternate Board Member – Diane requested that the Selectboard appoint an alternate to represent the Town during any Board meetings she may not be able to attend. After discussion it was determined that Bob Readie would be the Alternate to the TRORC Board especially considering the Plan Updates and changes to language with must and shall, ACT 181 jurisdictions and Regional Plans could trump Town Plans. All in favor.
- Town Plan DRAFT availability & Appoint Planning Commission Member – Selectboard received notification that Michael Reiderer submitted his resignation, and Roger Stauss has submitted his interest in serving. Bob made the motion to appoint Roger to the Planning Commission effective immediately and Mike seconded the motion. All in favor.
- Dwelling Unit Requirement for Listers/Assessors – Cheryl explained for the 2027 Grand List listers/assessors are to determine if a dwelling is habitable or not and the buildings will be listed accordingly. It is all in conjunction with tracking housing and rental properties.
- Fire Truck – Dan explained that the 4X4 Engine is the Town's truck, it is 34 years old and it was purchased for \$20,000.00. Mike asked if the batteries were in it and condition of the frame; batteries need to be replaced and the frame is okay. Bob

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New Business (continued):

- asked Dan to forward the specifications as he has industry contacts that might buy it.
- Discussion ensued regarding the other Truck; it has a blown head gasket, and the engine ceased it is 34 years old. Rochester had the same issue as theirs and it cost \$30,000.00 to rebuild. Rather than spending the money the GVFD will strip it of useable items then decide or someone may want it.
- Website Migration to .GOV – Marilyn indicated that she would perform the backend work to migrate over and we may need a letter to the vendor. Bob made the motion to accept the request and Mike seconded. All in favor.

Old Business:

- Act 162 – Fire Warden – Discussion and it was determined with the ease of communication Dan would be the contact for Fire Permits for the Town of Granville.
- Constable – Mark would like a storage shed/container for his Radar Trailer. After a brief discussion regarding cost, etc. he will work with Jared and Dan on a solution.
- Buildings & Grounds – Cheryl is applying for a PACIF Grant to purchase cones for the Road Commissioner and a new security system for the Municipal Complex.
- USDA Grant – Cheryl has not heard anything from the application submittal will follow-up with an e-mail.

Roads:

- Sand Pile – all sand has been delivered, needs to be stock piled. Contractor needs to remove disabled equipment due to issues.
- Post Office Hill & North Hollow Road Projects – Contractor needs to repair the pavement on Post Office and North Hollow will be completed on Wednesday.
- Mike suggested having Harvey's deliver some gravel to North Hollow near the project area and have the Grading contractor smooth out.
- Storm Clean Up – Bob will reach out to Travis Turnbull to see if he is interested.

Public Communication:

- Bob asked to have the letter from TRORC posted to the website regarding his comments on the DRAFT Regional Plan.

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Items for New Agenda:

- Begin Budget Process
- Warning Articles – Rescind Vote on Elimination of Auditors
 - Vote Auditors
 - Revote on Tabled Article #8
 - Container
 - Sale of Fire Truck

Next meeting will be a regular meeting on October 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Bob made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. And Jared seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl L. Sargeant
Town Clerk