

Granville Selectboard Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2022

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In attendance: Bruce Hyde, Chair, Rachel Grigorian and Jennifer Page Stickney, Selectboard; Kathy Werner, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Mark Belisle, Constable/Buildings & Grounds Manager; Kenneth Beattie, Road Foreman; Marilyn Dougherty, Website Administrator; Danial Sargeant, Chief Granville Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Clerk

Public: Shawn Dougherty, Judith Wood and Norman Arseneault

Call to Order: 5:34 p.m.

Public Communication:

- Bruce announced that Kathy would be resigning effective this evening and with that he and Norm presented her with a painting drawn by former resident, Helen Dillon. Thank you for all of your years of service to the community. Congratulations and best of luck Kathy!
- Shawn inquired about the request at the last meeting from the Corner School Resource Center for \$3,000.00 of ARPA funds. Bruce indicated that the funds cannot be used for utility bills.

Amend/Approve Agenda:

- Marilyn asked to have the Website moved to Old Business.

Financial Reports:

- Orders – After a brief discussion Jennifer made the motion to approve the Orders for payment and Rachel seconded. All in favor.
- Reports – No comments
- Grants – Kathy indicated the Town received its payment for the Steeple and it is now closed.
- Budget Worksheet – Several edits were made and Cheryl will update for the next meeting.

Minutes:

- January 10, 2022 and January 21, 2022 Jennifer made the motion to approve them as written and Rachel seconded. All in favor.

New Business:

- Warned Articles – Judy submitted a petition requesting the elimination of law enforcement duties and expenses from the Constable's budget. Bruce will follow-up with Roger Stauss; Moderator for guidance.
- Town Report – Bruce indicated he would like to finalize by March and Kathy indicated they would print for the same price as in the contract.
- Town Clerk/Treasurer Resignation – Kathy submitted her resignation so that the Selectboard could appoint replacements tonight. She will help train while here.

New Business (continued):

- Appoint Town Clerk – Bruce indicated that compensation for both positions would be as agreed upon and terms would be in effect until Town Meeting May 17, 2022. Rachel made the motion to appoint Cheryl L. Sargeant as Town Clerk and Jennifer seconded. All in favor.
- Appoint Town Treasurer – Marilyn asked if there would be a conflict with Nancy being Delinquent Tax Collector; there is not. Rachel made the motion to appoint Nancy Needham as Town Treasurer and Jennifer seconded. All in favor.
- Village Designation Renewals – The selectboard will work with Two Rivers Ottaquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) to submit its application by July 1, 2022.
- Historic Preservation Grants for VT Route 100 – Renovations to the church space above the Town Hall; assistance for property owner of the old Granville Hotel in the Upper Village, EV charging station, Town Hall ADA accessibility, etc.

Old Business

- Website Update – Marilyn requested to have updated information for Town Clerk and Town Treasurer contact and hours information. She also asked to post Town Meeting information when the time came.
- Constable Report – Mark had been working in East Granville and Handly Road needs to be plowed wider.
- Buildings & Grounds – Mark indicated that the furnace was leaking fuel oil and they are waiting to hear back from Harvey's regarding a part.
- Roof – Bruce indicated that he had not received the contract from the contractor yet.
- Cell Tower Update – Bruce indicated that the Town had received a letter requesting to hold off on submitting an application until May as they are still working with the Agency of Natural Resources.
- GVFD Vehicle Update – Bruce indicated that VLCT the Town's insurer would insure the new tanker for \$675.00 which is less than the coverage GVFD has. Kathy will assist Cheryl in making contact to have that happen. Danial will resubmit a proposed budget indicating the change. Rachel made the motion to insure the tanker on the Town's policy and Jennifer seconded. All in favor.
- GVFD Building – Dan indicated with the frozen ground they will look into the project in the spring.

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Roads:

- Road Foreman Report – Ken indicated that he spoke with the plowing contractor about North Hollow Road (very slick conditions), Buffalo Farm Road (not being plowed at the top), the parking lots and the Bowl Mill. Complaints had been filed by residents and the school.
- Grading Contract – Ken indicated he had submitted a new proposal for hourly rate and Bruce indicated the cost requires it be put out for bids. Cheryl will look into drafting a bid advertisement.
- Handly Road Reclassification – After a short discussion Ken and Jennifer will look into further with the property owner.
- Grants – Mark and Ken indicated getting a grant is difficult.
- Road Signs – Ken indicated he needed to order more.
- Culvert Order – Ken indicated that he had to take inventory of what was needed for upcoming replacements and put in an order with Dave Harvey to take advantage of bulk purchasing.

Public Comments:

- None presented.

Items for Next Meeting:

- Grading Bid Advertisement
- Buffalo Farm Road Repairs
- Handley Road Plowing
- Warning Articles
- Budget for 2022/2023

Next meeting will be the regular meeting on March 14, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Jennifer made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. And Rachel seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl L. Sargeant
Town Clerk