

Agenda Posted April 21, 2022 4:50pm **Amended April 22, 2022 12:00pm**  
**GRANVILLE SELECTBOARD REGULAR MEETING Monday, April 25, 2022 7:00pm**  
Granville Selectboard Office, Main Hall, 707 Main Road, Granville, MA 01034  
**MEETING WILL BE IN PERSON**

Agenda:

- ❖ Call to Order & Attendance
- ❖ Review and Approve Minutes of Prior Meetings
- ❖ Appointments & Discussion Items:
  - All times approximate
  - 7:05pm John Briggs Re: Donation of Land to Conservation Commission/CR
  - 7:15pm DPW Superintendent Doug Roberts report
    - FY 2023 Budget
    - DPW Garage Land discussion
  - 7:35pm Police Chief Rick Rindels report
    - FY 2023 Budget
  - 7:45pm Fire Chief Matt Ripley report
  - 8:00pm Finance Committee
    - FY 2023 Budget
    - Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles
  - 9:00pm Matt Streeter Town Administrator Report
- ❖ Correspondence: incoming and outgoing
  - Mayor McCabe (Westfield) Re: MOU Mutual Aid Agreement
- ❖ Old Business
- ❖ New Business
  - Assessors: Selectboard request to Assessor for audit of overlay account in any funds are in excess for necessary maintenance. Issue Letter to Assessors.
- ❖ Upcoming Meetings
  - Wednesday, April 27, 2022 7pm: Planning Board Public Hearing on Zoning Bylaw Amendment
  - Monday, May 2, 2022 Selectboard:
    - Approval of ATM Warrant
    - Meet with CCS Principal and Board member(s) Re: GVS
  - May 9, 2022 7pm: Annual Town Meeting
- ❖ Adjournment

**Notes:** The listing of items is those reasonably anticipated by the Chair to be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted bylaw. Times listed on agendas are approximate.

## Selectboard Minutes

Meeting of Selectboard Monday, April 25, 2022

Called to order at 7:09pm.

Present: Ted Sussmann, Nicole Berndt, David Ripley.

Also Present: Matt Streeter, Gina Placek, Scott Bergeron, Art Adams, Laura Burnett, Lee Fluhr, Martha Lacrosse, Chief Ripley, Rich Pierce.

Moved Chief Rindels up on agenda to accommodate interview in department. Chief Rindels gave his report. Answered questions on the Police Budget. Explained proposed budgets for salary items for administration and training are OK.

Call log has been busy last couple of weeks.

Discussed the Police Cruiser Account: Agreed to have agenda item for future discussion after town meeting to develop guidelines and plans for usage. Also discussed using account to offset revenue for non-salary expenditures.

7:26pm John Briggs of Barnard Road and Leon Ripley of Conservation Commission appeared to discuss Mr. Briggs' donation/gift of ten acres to the Conservation Commission for conservation purposes that abuts the 12.5 acres previously purchased in 2015. Mr. Ripley agrees with the acceptance under MGL Ch. 40 § 8c, with Selectboard approval. Leon detailed the prospective use of Grasshopper funds in lieu of penalty to pay for the stewardship fees/conservation costs with Franklin Land Trust. Ted Sussmann moved to accept donation; David Ripley seconded motion. Vote 3-0 to accept donation.

7:37pm Doug Roberts gave his report. Reported two DEP incidents: gasoline and sharps left in gorge; rust algae (non-hazardous) on South Lane. Discussed GVS: tackling door issues (adjustments, weather stripping); also flying ants being addressed by American Pest Solutions. The Roll off needs a differential seal and Truck #8 needs a driveshaft. Offered to have open houses at DPW.

Transfer Station. VHB has been in touch with DEP regarding funds from Grasshopper for bank stabilization or status of old capped landfill. May require survey or borings? Still at "preliminary part of fact-finding process."

Continued report touching on activities of DPW beginning on Beech Hill Road, a wedding at Old Meeting House this weekend where building left cleaner than it was found. Mentioned South Lane has a jurisdictional stream with a headwall cave-in that may need an emergency order to repair.

Discussed topics at Annual Town Meeting: Hazard Trees and Barnard Road parcel. Art Adams asked about an appraisal. Doug would like to have a discussion perhaps at 6:30pm prior to the ATM. Discussed the FY 2023 budget including increased line items: Local Roads, Fuel/Diesel & Gas, Street Lights (and whether to go to LED), The lights discussion recommended an additional light on Old Westfield Road by Bruce Rd. for safety reasons and NOT to pursue LED lights with Eversource at this time until the technology advances to cast wider flood or light from LED bulbs. Discussion continued on give and take of machinery maintenance, dust & stabilization, environmental permitting (which was reduced by \$5,000).

8:27pm Chief Ripley gave his report. Calls included large 2.5 acre brush fire on South Lane with mutual aid from Tolland, Lost Acres and Southwick. Maintenance on Engine 1 (brakes) and Tanker (ABS valves). Floors being done next week. 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party for Fire Department on Fourth of July weekend/after parade; hot dogs by Fire Association. Responding to question, the chief reported the permit system is working well.

8:33pm Chief Rindels and Lt. Patrick Winslow discussed with Selectboard the Memorandum of Understanding for mutual aid requested by Mayor McCabe of the City of Westfield. Discussed some of the concerns with the Westfield City Water Department over the gate, walkers, and destruction mentioned in letter that our public safety doesn't have access to. Chair Sussmann would draft a letter of response. No additional action taken.

Finance Committee discussion over ATM Warrant.

Board of Assessors Chair Leon Ripley describing process for excess Overlay. Ted Sussmann moved to approve letter to BOA to audit overlay accounts. David Ripley seconded. Approved 3-0.

Communications. Board of Health received permit application for food truck this weekend at Cooley and Co. Matt Streeter forwarded to Tom Fitzgerald who had no opposition to permitting. Selectboard approved 2-0 (Nicole Berndt abstention).

Town Administrator gave report. Consensus that Grasshopper PILOT starts on 8/1/22. Update on 232 Sodom St.

Motion to Adjourn made by David Ripley; seconded by Nicole Berndt. Approved 3-0 at 9:51pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Matt Streeter