

**Town of Grafton  
Board of Selectmen  
Tuesday, January 11, 2024**

**Members Present:** Leif Hogue, Chair, Jennie Joyce, Steve Darrow, Sara Hogue (Recorder)

**Others Present:** Paul Vogt, Gary Whitney, Catherine Mullholand, Karen Johnson

The Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am

The Selectmen met to sing the Default budget and review the following petition warrant articles:

- To raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen thousand Dollars (\$13,000) for the purpose of having the CandD container also known as the demolition container be brought back to the recycling center. After some discussion, Leif motioned to not recommend this warrant article. Steve Seconded. Jennie third. Motion passed.
- Will the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$996,239 to construct a new library at 2 Library Road, also known as the "Gray Lot" donated to the Town for this purpose.  
Funding to come from:  
\$845,844 NH Community Development Finance Authority's Community Center Investment Program  
\$88,390 Secured grants, Friends of Grafton Library funds, and pledges  
\$27,005 Secured volunteer labor and services  
\$35,000 Existing library improvement capital reserve fund  
Further to delegate the construction of the library to the Library Trustees. This article is null and void if CCIP Funds are not awarded. NO ADDITIONAL MONEY TO BE RAISED FROM TAXATION. After some discussion, Steve made a motion to not recommend. Jennie seconded. Leif third. Motion passed.
- To see if the voters will subdivide the property known as the East Grafton Union Church and parsonage (tax map 12, lot 1153) and sell the vacant parsonage to abutter Andrew Cushing (tax map 12 lot 123). The buyer agrees to increase both the church and parsonage lots to the minimum two acres and pay all related legal and surveying expenses. The purchase price shall be informed by a mutually-agreeable third-party appraisal, minus the value of the church's increased lot size. The buyer agrees to restore the house and return it to the tax rolls. After some discussion, Steve made a motion to not recommend. Jennie seconded. Leif third. Motion passed.

The selectmen would like to meet with Andrew in regards to the East Grafton Parsonage. Sara will reach out to Andrew and invite him to the next Selectmen's meeting.

Steve has some questions for Matt so Sara will reach out to Matt to schedule a meeting before the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Leif motioned to adjourn. Jennie seconded. Steve agreed. The meeting adjourned at 10:46 am

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sara Hogue, Administrative Assistant