

**Town of Grafton
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, January 19, 2021**

Members Present: Steve Darrow, Chairman, Jennie Joyce, Cindy Kudlik, Sue Smith (recorder)

Others Present: Rick Jackson, Steve Kudlik, Russell Poitras, Tom McGinty, Jon Bautel

The meeting called to order at 9am.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Cindy motioned to accept the public minutes of January 5, 2021 as amended, non-public minutes of January 5, 2021 and the minutes of January 13, 2021. Jennie seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Selectmen Announcements: None

Ex-Officio Reports: None

Public Comment:

Tom McGinty asked for a status on billing an abutting neighbor that caused a fire last year. Cindy stated she was informed by John Babiarz, Fire Chief. that mutual aid was involved and Grafton cannot bill Canaan's time. Tom disagreed with Cindy and stated that he will email information to the selectmen regarding this issue.

There was a brief discussion about broadband between Tom and the selectmen. The selectmen reiterated that they welcomed volunteers to form a committee to work on getting broadband in Grafton.

Appointments:

Steve Kudlik, Moderator, met with the selectmen to discuss the upcoming deliberative session that will be taking place on Saturday, January 30, 2021, 10am at the Fire Station. Steve presented a seating arrangement to accommodate those who will be wearing masks and for those who will not be wearing masks. The selectmen support the seating arrangement that Steve presented. Steve will also be calling the State to see if there is any extra PPE (plastic barriers) for deliberative session.

Jon Bautel met with the selectmen to discuss a recent letter regarding the issue of a fence located on the Riddle Hill Road side of Jon's property. Jon stated that it is the burden of proof is on the Town to show that the fence is in the right-of-way and that the 30 day time line to remove the fence is on hold until burden of proof is shown. Jon informed the selectmen that the fence is 8ft high and it is protecting his camper that is parked behind the fence. Russell joined the conversation stating that the fence is causing a visual hindrance and it does not need to be that high. Russell proposed that the fence be lowered and a verbal agreement between Jon and the Selectmen regarding the fence be made. It was discussed that one selectmen, in a vehicle, will park above Bautel's property on Riddle Hill Rd, to see where the height of the fence should be and then have Jon lower the fence per the selectmen's recommendation. The highway department will be made aware of the fence area. Cindy would like to

have Jennie at the intersection as stated above and have the agreement in writing instead of verbal. Both Jennie and Steve agreed with Cindy. Jon Bautel agreed and thanked the Board for working with him.

Rick Jackson, Recycle Center Manager, met with the selectmen to discuss the electrical problems in the Recycle Building and Office. He contacted MG Electric and received a quote to remove all Roto-Phases (single phase) and to install new 30A (3 phase) disconnects and selector switches for the trash compactors and bailers. The quote presented totals \$13,975 and Rick would like to use the Recycle Revolving Account to pay for this changeover as it can save about 30% on the electric bills. After a brief discussion, Jennie motioned to change to 3 phase and to have MG Electric to the job. Cindy second the motion. Steve agreed. Motion passed.

New Business:

Personnel Policy – The selectmen reviewed, discussed and made some changes to the personnel policy. The updated policy will be signed during the next regularly scheduled selectmen meeting.

Other Business/Correspondence:

The selectmen reviewed and discussed the following correspondence:

- Approvals for Construction – Map 10S Lot 719 and Map 14 Lot 823
- Letter from Police Standards and Training Council re: Firearms Instructor 2020 Recertification for Russell Poitras

Public Comment: None

Final Comments from the Selectmen:

School Deliberative Session will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2021, 9am at the Mascoma High School Auditorium.

Jennie commented that the Fire Department should be following their by-laws. After a brief discussion it was recommended that the selectmen should instruct all departments that have by-laws to follow them.

Cindy motioned to adjourn. Jennie second. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:51am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Smith, Administrative Assistant