

**Town of Grafton  
Board of Selectmen  
Tuesday, June 1, 2021**

**Members Present:** Cindy Kudlik, Chairman, Jennie Joyce, Tom McGinty, Sue Smith (recorder)

**Others Present:** George Curran, Denise Smith, Paul Vogt, Sandra Griffin, Steve Darrow, Rich Angel, Catherine Mulholland, Brittany Sipe, Maureen O'Reilly, Gretchen Renee, Dottie Campbell, Eileen DeLouchrey, Jean Mitchell, Tim Lemere

The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

**Acceptance of Minutes:**

Jennie motioned to accept the public and non-public minutes of May 18, 2021. Tom second. Motion passed.

**Selectmen Announcements:**

Tom commented that it has been brought to the attention to the selectmen that a person has been sheltering in the announcer's booth located on the recreation field. Tom stated that he would like to see the announcer's booth removed from the field. Jennie stated that the booth is a hazard as there are no windows and the door does not have a lock. She also agreed with Tom that the booth should be removed. After a brief discussion, Tom motioned to post a notice on the website that the announcers' booth is "up for grabs" on a first come first served basis and to give the interested party 2 weeks to have the entire booth removed. Jennie second. Cindy agreed. Motion passed.

Cindy announced that the selectmen signed a timber tax warrant and sent a letter to the Sanville's thanking them for cleaning up the tires.

Cindy also stated that a letter was sent to NH Electric Co-op regarding the spraying of herbicides and informing them that the Town voted to not have this done. Cindy heard back from NHDES and was informed that the Town cannot say no to the State unless the Town placed an Ordinance prior to 1993.

**Ex-Officio Reports:**

Tom gave the following report from the Planning Board – The planning board discussed a letter to Northern Border's and if there was any follow-up and bringing the subdivision regulations up to date.

**Public Comment:**

Rich Angel commented that he objects to the State's position regarding the spraying of herbicides

Steve Darrow commented on the letter from the Planning Board to Northern Border Regional Commission. He stated that the Planning Board did not hold meetings since the election of March 2020 to May 26, 2020 to discuss or even vote on the letter. The first Planning Board meeting after the March 2020 vote was held on May 27, 2020. Steve felt this was unethical and inquired if any recourse

was going to take place. Tom stated that a letter is being drafted to from the Town to be sent to Northern Border Regional Commission, L-Chip and the Charitable Trusts.

### **Appointments:**

George Curran, Library Trustee Chairman, and Brittany Sipe met with the selectmen to ask for permission to use 2 Library Road to hold a day camp for girls ages 8 to 12 from July 12 – 15 and July 19 – 22, 9am to 2pm on each of those days and for August 7, 2021 for a NH Humanities program. Brittany was awarded a grant from the Byrne Foundation for this day camp and she approached the Friends of Grafton Library and the Library Trustees to inquire about the use of 2 Library Rd. Brittany stated that this is a pilot program and will have about 4 to 6 girls attend. At this time, Brittany is the only adult that will be present during the day camp. Jennie stated that she would like see more than one adult present. Tom inquired about insurance and who is responsible for coverage of this type of event. Brittany stated that FoGL will be providing the liability insurance. The selectmen will be in contact with the Town's insurance company to inquire about the Town's liability. After a brief discussion, Jennie motioned to allow the library lot to be used for the day camp. Tom second. Cindy agreed. Motion passed.

The NH Humanities program for August 7<sup>th</sup> is a talk about Music in My Pocket. Some concerns were raised about the noise level with traffic along Rt 4 and if it will inhibit the presentation. After a brief discussion, Tom motioned to approve the use of the library rd property for the August 7<sup>th</sup> presentation. Jennie second. Cindy agreed. Motion passed.

Gretchen Renee met with the selectmen to discuss the Town Hall acoustics and drainage issue. Gretchen would like to have the pictures put back on the wall and possibly have curtains placed over the windows. Gretchen also asked if the selectmen would be willing to remove the drop ceiling and to use the original ceiling. The selectmen will look for the pictures and will have them placed on the walls. As for the curtains and drop ceiling, no decisions were made. Gretchen inquired about the drainage issue and when it will be addressed. Cindy mentioned that Steve Darrow spoke with Steve Kuligoski about the corner of the Town Hall, near the handicap ramp, but was not sure what happened after they spoke. Cindy also stated that she will speak with Bob Senter and/or Jim Phelps about obtaining a quote regarding the drainage issue.

### **New Business:**

TAN Authorization Formal Motion – Cindy commented that the Selectmen gave authorization to the Treasure to obtain a TAN in the amount of \$400k during their April 20, 2021 meeting. Because there was not a formal motion, the Town Attorney has asked that the selectmen make a formal motion during tonight's meeting. Jennie moved that the vote entitled, "Vote to Authorize \$400,000 Tax Anticipation Note for Fiscal Year 2021," be approved in the form presented to this meeting, and that an attested copy of said Vote be included with the minutes of this meeting. Tom second. Cindy agreed. Motion passed.

Historical Society Leases – The Historical Society reviewed the draft leases (Pine School, Museum and E. Grafton Church) and asked that the "Tramp House" be part of the museum lease and to have all lease payments due on August 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. After a brief discussion, Jennie motioned to accept the leases, with the amendment to the museum lease and the payment due date of August 1<sup>st</sup>. Tom second. Cindy agreed. Motion passed.

**Other Business/Correspondence:**

Building Notification – Karoli (Map 6 Lot 575-12). Tom motioned to approve the building notification. Jennie second. Motion passed.

The selectmen reviewed and discussed the following correspondence:

- Approval of Construction – Map 6 Lot 575-12
- 90 Day Construction Approval Extension Notice – Map 5 Lots 736 and 737
- Letter of Interest from Heather Hunter for the Director of Welfare position
- Letter from Sharon Kahkonen regarding the E. Grafton Parsonage

**Public Comment:**

Tim Lemere stated that he has been trying to register a vehicle as a farm vehicle but has been denied due to the Town Clerk's refusal of the claim that Tim has a working farm. Tim asked the selectmen to speak with the Town Clerk as he does not want to go to court. After a brief discussion, the selectmen recommended that Tim speak with the Police Chief.

**Final Comments from the Selectmen:** None

Tom motioned to adjourn. Jennie second. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Smith, Administrative Assistant

Motion: Jennie moved that the vote entitled, "Vote to Authorize \$400,000 Tax Anticipation Note for Fiscal Year 2021," be approved in the form presented to this meeting, and that an attested copy of said Vote be included with the minutes of this meeting. Tom second. Cindy agreed. Motion passed.

**VOTE TO AUTHORIZE \$400,000 TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021**

1. That the Board of Selectmen (the "Board") of the Town of Grafton (the "Town") authorizes the Board and the Town Treasurer, acting singly, to arrange with Mascoma Bank for the issuance and sale of a tax anticipation note of the Town for fiscal year 2021 in the principal amount of up to \$400,000, on a drawdown basis and on such other terms as the Board or Treasurer, in their discretion may approve, and any prior such arrangement is ratified and confirmed;
2. That under and pursuant to the provisions of RSA 33:7 and Town Meeting approval of Article 19 of the March 8 1994 Annual Town Meeting Warrant (authorizing indefinitely the issuance of tax anticipation notes), the Board and the Treasurer are authorized to borrow in anticipation of tax receipts for fiscal year 2021 in the name of the Town of Grafton the sum of up to \$400,000 and to issue general obligation securities of the Town in a principal amount not to exceed \$400,000 to evidence such borrowing (the "Note"); and to execute and deliver the Note, signed by a majority of the Board and countersigned by the Treasurer, under the seal of the Town, as applicable, dated on or about May 5, 2021, in such form as the Board and Treasurer may approve; and that the appropriate officials of the Town are authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the Town such documents and certificates as may be required in connection with such borrowing;
3. That the Treasurer is authorized to covenant on behalf of the Town that (i) no part of the proceeds of the Note shall be used, directly or indirectly, to acquire any securities and obligations, the acquisition of which would cause the Note to be an "arbitrage bond" within the meaning of Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (the "Code"), and (ii) the proceeds of the Note shall not be used in a manner that would cause the Note to be a "private activity bond" within the meaning of Section 141 of the Code; and that the Note, as applicable, is designated as a qualified tax-exempt obligation within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of said Code; and that the Treasurer is authorized to covenant on behalf of the Town to file any information report and pay any rebate due to the United States in connection with the issuance of the Note, to take all other lawful actions necessary to ensure the interest on the Note will be excludable from gross income of the owners thereof for purposes of federal income taxation and to refrain from taking any action which would cause interest on the Note to become includable in the gross income of the owners thereof.