Town of Grafton Board of Selectmen Tuesday, July 6, 2021

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

Others Present: John Babiarz, Paul Vogt, Denise Smith, Deb Clough, Genevieve Smith, Dianne Burrington, Sharon Kahkonen, Alice and Bruce Sunnerberg, Roseanne Kramer, Brian Nasco, David Nasco

The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Tom motioned to accept the public and non-public minutes of June 15, 2021 and the 3 sets of non-public minutes from June 17, 2021. Jennie seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Grafton Historical Society Lease Agreements – Dianne Burrington, Genevieve Smith and the Board of Selectmen signed the three (3) lease agreements between the Grafton Historical Society and the Town of Grafton with John Babiarz notarizing their signatures.

There was a brief discussion about the parsonage and Dianne informed the selectmen that she will be placing 'No Trespass' signs around the building as well as sealing up the entrance to the back of the parsonage.

Deed With No Covenants – Cindy stated that property located at 34 Wild Meadow Rd was taken by tax deed and the former owner responded to a 90 day repurchase notification and purchased back the property. The Selectmen signed the Deed With No Covenants with John Babiarz notarizing their signatures.

Selectmen Announcements:

Cindy announced that she was informed by the Library Trustees that the day camp will not happen this year as the person who holds the grant has not been able to provide insurance.

Ex-Officio Reports:

Tom reported the following from the Planning Board – the subdivision regulations are being reviewed and no decisions have been made for any changes.

Public Comment:

Deb Clough inquired when the old cemetery signs would be taken down. Cindy stated that the Cemetery Trustees are looking for volunteers who are interested in removing the old signs. Deb stated if she has time, she would remove them.

Paul Vogt inquired if there has been a resolution to the picnic table that is located on the Library Rd property. Cindy stated that the Library Trustees will have the issue resolved at their next meeting.

Appointments:

Bruce and Alice Sunnerberg met with the selectmen to discuss culverts and boundary markers. Bruce informed the selectmen that he had a productive meeting with the Road Agent regarding the culverts that will be replaced on Tunnel Rd/Razor Hill Rd. Bruce requested be notified when the highway department starts working on the culverts. Finally, Bruce stated that the boundary pins on the corner piece of his property are missing. He would like to work with the Town to locate them as he feels someone removed the pins. The selectmen thanked Bruce and Alice for meeting with them.

New Business:

Consolidated Communications – RFP – Tom informed the Board that Consolidated Communications responded to the RFI and the Town can now proceed with an RFP. The RFI shows existing copper wire and the proposal is for fiber to come in. Once the RFP's are mailed to the carriers, they have 45 days to respond. There is no obligation for the RFP and the only cost at this time is postage.

Dog License Warrant – The selectmen had a brief discussion about the incomplete dog list. A request for a corrected one was given to the Town Clerk. There was no response to the request. Jennie stated that it is up to the Town Clerk to sort out any discrepancies on that list. Jennie motioned to sign the warrant. Tom second. Cindy voted no. Motion passed. Jennie and Tom signed the warrant.

Signage at Huff Beach – One of the signs at Huff Beach has 'members and guests' on it. A question was raised as to what is a member. The selectmen discussed this and the sign should say 'residents' not 'members'. Cindy suggested that the rec committee take care it and to make sure the beach is clean.

Other Business/Correspondence:

Charitable Exemption - MVP - Tom motioned to accept the recommendation from the assessor and to approve the exemption. Jennie second. Cindy agreed. Motion passed.

Building Notification – Robert (Map 2 Lot 876-1) approved and signed by the selectmen.

Intent to Cut – Stewart (Map 2 Lots 1122-1 & 222) approved and signed by the selectmen.

The selectmen reviewed and discussed the following correspondence:

- Approvals for Construction Map 15C lot 179 and Map 11A Lot 477
- Email from Rosanne Kramer regarding the E. Grafton Parsonage asking the selectmen to set up a committee to see what can be done with the building
- Letter from Primex regarding property and liability coverage
- Letter from Anne and Philip Hahn stating that they would like to see the parsonage removed or destroyed.
- Email from Ben Buckwold inquiring if the new cook shack is able to be rented out for private gatherings.

Public Comment:

Deb Clough raised concerns about having two full-time police officers. She stated that she would like to have one full-time officer and one part-time officer, as it used to be.

Sharon Kahkonen commented about the parsonage and stated that there are people who would like to have an architect look at the building. Both Tom and Jennie reiterated that the insurance company has condemned the building and no one is to go inside. The selectmen stated that if an architect wants to look at the property, at no cost to the Town, they have to stay outside of the building.

Brian Nasco commented that he is unable to bring brush to the Recycle Center for the burn pile. Brian inquired as to why he is being turned away. The selectmen stated that at this time there is no burn permit from the State and that is why Brian and others are being turned away when they bring in brush.

Final Comments From Selectmen:

Jennie commented that the selectmen's office door was unlocked and the public was able to get in last Friday when it was posted that the office would be closed. Jennie recommended that a reminder be sent to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector to make sure that the door stays locked when the office is posted closed.

Jennie motioned to adjourn. Tom second. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Smith, Administrative Assistant