

**Town of Grafton
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, July 20, 2021**

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

Others Present: Catherine Mulholland, Cheryl Stanion, Sharon Kahkonen, Gary Whitney, Rich Angel, Deb Clough, Ed Grinley, Andrew Cushing, Ken Cushing, Joe Houle, William Bailey, Ned Gordon, Sharon Clark

The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Tom motioned to accept the minutes of July 6, 2021. Jennie second. Motion passed.

Selectmen Announcements:

Tom informed the Board that the culvert placement at the Kantowski property did not happen due to an untenable situation.

Cindy announced that a burn permit was granted to the Recycle Center.

Ex-Officio Reports:

Tom stated that he did not attend the Fire Dept meeting that was held on July 12th. Tom also mentioned that the Planning Board will be meeting this week.

Jennie announced that the Budget Committee will be meeting tomorrow night, July 21st.

Public Comment:

Deb Clough inquired about the ARPA Grant and asked if the Town will be applying for it. Both Tom and Cindy discussed their involvement on learning about the grant and what it can be used for. Cindy stated that the due date for the grant application is August 18, 2021 and is hoping to get the information submitted on or before that date.

Deb also inquired if and when the RFP's will be sent out for broadband. Tom stated that the RFP's were sent out and the proposals are due back to the Town by August 31st.

Joe Houle commented about the road conditions at the entrances to the Halfmoon Pond properties. He would like more time to discuss this issue with the selectmen. The selectmen invited Joe to their next meeting to discuss this topic.

Rich Angel commented about the dog license issue and asked if anything changed. Tom stated that the selectmen decided to proceed as normal and to have the Town Clerk deal with any issues that may occur.

Appointments:

Ned Gordon, State Representative, met with the selectmen to give a legislative update. This past session, the legislative worked on the budget. After compromises were made and the budget passed. It is 3% less than the last budget. Ned informed the selectmen that the Grafton County budget expenditures were less than last year and the county tax will not be going up. There were not as many bills this past session due to COVID.

Ed Grinley, on behalf of the Recreation Department, met with the selectmen and gave the following report from the July 10th celebration: there was a lot of community spirit that hasn't been seen in the Town for a long time. Ed also stated that different groups in Town helped with the activities to make it a fun day.

Ed requested that the selectmen make it a requirement for private parties to put down a refundable deposit when using the cook shack. The selectmen were in agreement with Ed's request. A dollar amount was not discussed.

Finally, Ed put forth a complaint about the bon fire on Main Street that took place after the fireworks on July 10th. Cindy stated that she will speak with the Fire Chief about the bonfire and will find out if there was a burn permit.

New Business:

NH Dealer's License Application Request – A request was submitted to the selectmen to approve a NH Dealer's License for DM Auto/Dennis McKean. The selectmen reviewed and discussed the request and letter from Dennis McKean. Tom motioned to deny the request. Jennie second. Cindy agreed. Motion passed. The application request, along with a copy of the Junkyard ordinance and Notice of Violation that were given to Dennis McKean on June 14, 2021, will be mailed to the State.

Recommendation of Interim Library Trustee – The Library Trustees recommended Karen Johnson as an interim Library Trustee. After a brief discussion, Jennie motioned to accept the recommendation and to appoint Karen Johnson as a Library Trustee. Tom second. Cindy agreed. Motion passed.

Other Business/Correspondence:

The selectmen reviewed and discussed the following correspondence: \

- Email from Ellen Partain inquiring information about building an accessory dwelling on her parents property.
- Email from Rick Alpers, Primex re: his visit to the Cook Shack. Rick listed a few items that need to be taken care of. A copy of this email was given to Ed Grinley and Russell Poitras.
- Letter from the NH Dam Bureau re: the inspection of Grafton Pond Dam
- Resignation letter from Angela Barry. Angela resigned from her position of Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector
- Approvals for Construction – Map 16 Lot 88-1 and Map 16 Lot 88
- Letter from the Library Trustees re: the picnic table located on 2 Library Rd. The selectmen made the decision to allow the picnic to stay on the property as long as it was donated to the Library and if the Trustees move the table closer to the pine trees to provide shade for those who use it.

- Letter from the Town Clerk/Tax Collector requesting that the Town procure a credit card so department heads do not have to use their personal money to purchase postage and other items for the Town.
- April 2021 Groundwater results for the Recycle Center
- Letters from Andrew Cushing, Jessie Wilson and Linda Wilson re: the E. Grafton Parsonage. Cindy suggested having a public hearing about the parsonage once the selectmen can figure out what they can and cannot do with the parsonage instead of discussing this topic at every selectmen meeting. Both Tom and Jennie concurred with Cindy's suggestion.

Public Comment:

Sharon Kahkonen would like to get a few volunteers together to clean up Huff Beach. Cindy recommended that she work with the Recreation Committee as this would fall under their responsibilities.

Cheryl Senter shared a concern about metal showing at the Kilton Pond Dam. She informed the selectmen that a person was injured from this metal. The NH Dam Bureau will be contacted about the metal. Cheryl also stated that she is having issues with a culvert on the State Rd and inquired who was responsible for fixing it. Cheryl was informed that she will need to contact DOT to have this repaired. Cheryl thanked the selectmen for having the announcer's booth removed from the recreation field.

Ed Grinley asked the selectmen where they were in the Road Agent search. Cindy stated that they are looking over the job description and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Final Comments from the Selectmen:

Jennie stated that she received a complaint from the Ladies Auxiliary about the condition of the Fire Station and Fire Chiefs office. The auxiliary had to hold their meeting in the kitchen due to the mess that was in the Fire Station. Tom stated that he will follow-up with the Fire Department about the condition of the building.

Jennie motioned to adjourn. Tom second. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Smith, Administrative Assistant