

**Town of Grafton
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, February 2, 2021
Approved as Amended**

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

Others Present: Gary Whitney, Rich Angel, Bonnie Haubrich

The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Cindy motioned to accept the minutes of January 19, 2021. Jennie second. Motion passed.

Selectmen Announcements:

Misinformation was mentioned on social media regarding the Town of Grafton receiving FEMA funding for cellular/broadband internet. The selectmen want to make it clear that at no time has the Town of Grafton received any FEMA monies for cellular/broadband internet. FEMA only grants monies for natural disasters if the Town applies for such a grant.

Steve commented that the selectmen received an email with a couple of attachments. The attachments are in regards to a public comment from the January 19th meeting. The first attachment was information about charging a resident for causing a fire and the second attachment was about broadband. The selectmen concurred that the attachments did not offer any clarification on both topics.

Steve also commented that deliberative session went well. ~~and was glad that it was not postponed.~~

Jennie stated that she looked at the fence and gave the following recommendation: cut the first panel down to the same level as the front fence and the second panel cut half that amount. Cindy will be in contact with Jon Bautel about Jennie's recommendation.

Cindy commented that a recent welfare situation has brought attention to the current costs of cremations. The welfare guidelines will need to be updated to reflect these costs.

Ex-Officio Reports: None

Public Comment:

Gary Whitney commented about the deliberative session and had a brief discussion with the selectmen regarding the unreserved fund balance.

Appointments:

Bonnie Haubrich met with the selectmen to discuss the following items:

- CARES Grant – Bonnie received CARES grant monies and asked the selectmen to consider paying the election workers with these monies. The amount of the grant is just over \$1,400. The selectmen asked for a list of those election workers that Bonnie would like to compensate.

- Fees List – A few months ago, Bonnie presented a sample fees list and asked the selectmen to consider allowing her to charge fees for specific types of copies. Bonnie inquired if the selectmen had made a decision. The selectmen have not and will revisit the fees list during their next meeting.
- Property Taxes – Bonnie asked for an update on a couple of properties with outstanding tax related issues. The selectmen plan to have one of the properties surveyed during the spring/early summer and a letter will be sent to a property owner regarding a mobile home.

New Business:

Personnel Policy Revision – Jennie motioned to approve the revised personnel policy. Cindy second. Steve agreed. Motion passed.

Other Business/Correspondence:

Intent to Cut – Elder (Map 20 Lot 1084) approved and signed.

Veterans' Credit – approved and signed.

The selectmen reviewed and discussed the following correspondence:

- Email from Superintendent Isabelle regarding Possible State Building Aid for the 2014 renovation project.

Public Comment:

Sue Smith, Library Trustee, commented that the Library Trustees and the Friends of Grafton Library have been working on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The Library Trustees are ready to have the MOU reviewed by the Town's attorney as recommended by the selectmen. The Library Trustees are asking the selectmen if they can pay the legal fee for this review. The selectmen agreed to pay the fee as long as they are able to see the attorney's response.

Final Comments from the Selectmen:

Candidate's Night will be held Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 7pm and the Town Hall.

Jennie commented that she has a potential person to fill the deputy welfare director position. After a brief discussion, it was decided that a non-public session was necessary to continue the discussion. Jennie motioned to go into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II(c) to discuss the deputy welfare director position at 6:53pm. Steve second. Motion passed.

Cindy motioned to come out of non-public session. Jennie second. Motion passed.

Steve announced Jennie will follow-up with the potential candidate.

Jennie motioned to adjourn. Cindy second. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,