

**Town of Grafton  
Board of Selectmen  
Tuesday, September 21, 2021**

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

**Others Present:** Paul Vogt, Catherine Mulholland, Sandy Griffin, Gary Whitney, Maureen O'Reilly, Steve Kudlik, Sharon Clark

The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

Cindy announced that the selectmen held a non-public session prior to tonight's meeting for a personnel review and announced that a pay increase was given.

**Acceptance of Minutes:**

Tom motioned to accept the minutes of September 7, 2021. Jennie second. Motion passed.

**Ex-Officio Reports:**

Cindy gave the following reports from the Cemetery Trustees, Grafton Volunteer Ambulance, and Library Trustees:

- Cemetery Trustees – The trustees completed and submitted their 2022 budget request and the stone cleaning is done for the year.
- Grafton Volunteer Ambulance – There have been 120 runs so far this year. One member took the AEMT test and the results are still pending. Cindy also brought up a previous invoice for a reimbursement of water and Gatorade that should have gone to the auxiliary. She was informed by GVA that they stopped asking auxiliary as they have refused to pay for these items. Jennie stated that she will speak with a few members of the auxiliary and will report back.
- Library Trustees – The Library will be doing another telescope event, tentatively scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup> at the recreation field. They would like to use the cook shack area for those who will be attending. The Library Strategic Planning Committee will have a meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup> and hope to complete a proposed 3 year plan. Friends of Grafton Library have not sent a letter to the Library Trustees regarding the picnic table. They will be replacing/refurbishing the garlic beds that are located on 2 Library Road. Cindy inquired as to when the garlic beds were originally placed and if permission was granted. After a brief discussion, Jennie recommended sending a letter to FoGL asking what their intentions are for 2 Library Road.

Cindy asked Jennie if she could be the liaison to the Recreation Committee as Cindy is unable to attend both the GVA and Recreation meetings which are held on the same night. Jennie stated that she would be the recreation committee's liaison.

**Public Comment:**

Maureen O'Reilly commented that it is difficult to hear in the Town Hall and would like the selectmen to speak louder.

**Appointments:**

Steve Kudlik, Health Officer, met with the selectmen to give an update on a junkyard violation located on Slab City Road. Steve stated that the property owner has made a lot of improvements to the property. The following items were removed: 8 unregistered vehicles, 3 campers and a dumpster load of metals. There are still 4 unregistered vehicles, 1 RV, 1 camper and a pile of metals that still need to be taken care of. Steve does not feel that legal action should take place as the property owner is trying to sell the property and is working on getting it cleaned up. After a brief discussion, the selectmen agreed with Steve not to take legal action. Steve will follow-up with the selectmen during the October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Steve informed the selectmen that any future complaints of a junkyard violation must be made in writing. He also stated that the written complaint needs to be forwarded to the person that the complaint was about.

**New Business:**

NH Tax Deed & Property Auctions Agreement – The selectmen reviewed and discussed the agreement. After a brief discussion, the selectmen accepted and signed the agreement. The tax deed auction will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2021, 11am at the Town Hall.

**Other Business/Correspondence:**

Building Notification revisited – Deuse (Map 15C Lot 510). During the previous meeting, the selectmen asked that a waiver be signed and recorded with the Grafton Registry of Deeds prior to approving the building notification. It was noted that a recorded waiver is already on file for this property. Tom motioned to approve the building notification. Jennie second. Motion passed. The building notification was approved and signed.

The selectmen reviewed and discussed the following correspondence:

- Letter from NH DOT regarding the 2023-2032 transportation projects throughout the State of New Hampshire
- Letter from NH DES re: the acceptance of a shoreland permit for Map 15C Lot 463
- Approval for Operation for Map 16D Lot 738

Cindy informed the Board that 5 applications have been received for the Road Agent position. After a brief discussion, the selectmen decided to schedule a non-public session for Thursday, September 23, 2021, 11am at the Town Office to review the applications.

**Public Comment:**

Gary Whitney inquired if the water problem at the Town Hall had been fixed. Cindy stated that the water pipe was fixed by a volunteer. While the Town Hall is not in use, the water pump is to be turned off at the breaker box. Those who use the Town Hall will be informed of this and will be given instructions about the use of the water in the building.

**Final Comments From Selectmen:**

Jennie stated that the selectmen need to hire a maintenance person. Both Cindy and Tom agreed. A job posting and description will be forthcoming.

Cindy announced that the Recreation Committee and Friends of Grafton Library will be working together during the Grafton Gargantuan Garlic Gathering.

Tom motioned to adjourn. Jennie second. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Smith, Administrative Assistant