

**Town of Grafton
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, October 19, 2021**

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

Others Present: Paul and Denise Vogt, Gary Whitney, Steve Kudlik, Maureen O'Reilly, Dave Nasco, Sandy Griffin, Catherine Mulholland, Ed Grinley, Mary Gasiorowski, Nicole Fosse

The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Jennie motioned to accept the minutes of October 5, 2021, the public and non-public minutes of October 7, 2021 and the minutes of October 14, 2021. Tom seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ex-Officio Reports:

Tom gave the following report from the Fire Department Volunteers: The 2022 budget request was mainly discussed.

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

- GVA – David Hunter passed the AEMT course and there are now 3 AEMT's on the squad.
- Cemetery Trustees – The Cemetery Trustees did not meet this month. Cindy informed the selectmen as well as those in the audience that Aimee Jacques passed away. Cindy invited anyone who is interested in becoming a Cemetery Trustee to attend their next meeting in November.

Cindy also informed those in the audience of the following:

- The selectmen met with the Road Agent to discuss a few items and there was an issue brought up regarding the police chief and fuel usage, which ended up being a misunderstanding. Due to this meeting, vandalism showed up a few days later on town property targeting a selectman and a former town official. The vandalism was removed.
- During the budget workshop, there was a comment about a fire department member assisting on an ambulance run. The person who made the comment wanted to know why a non-member of the Grafton Volunteer Ambulance was assisting. Cindy announced that the fire department member is also a member of the ambulance department.

Public Comment:

Maureen O'Reilly commented on how the meeting with the Road Agent took place. She stated that it could have been handled differently.

Gary Whitney inquired about the vandalism. Jennie explained about a sign that was vandalized over on Grafton Pond Road. Jennie also stated, and Sue concurred, that the selectmen do not handle any town funds.

Appointments:

Steve Kudlik, Health Officer, met with the selectmen regarding the Slab City Road issue. Steve gave the following update: the metal has been disposed, a vehicle has been removed, and the junk pile is gone. The property owner is still trying to sell his property. Steve informed the selectmen that this issue should not be pursued any further and that this case should be closed. The selectmen agreed with Steve.

Catherine Mulholland & Mary Gasiorowski, Trustees of the Trust Funds, met with the selectmen to discuss the amounts shown on the MS-9, especially the Recreation Field Shelter Fund. When funds were drawn down, it also brought down the interest. The result of this caused the last invoice not being paid. Tom motioned to empty this Recreation Field Shelter Capital Reserve Fund. Jennie second. Cindy agreed. Motion passed. The Trustees requested that in the future, it would be best to meet with them to discuss the best way to spend the individual capital reserve fund accounts.

New Business:

2022 Budget Review – The selectmen reviewed their 2022 budget request in the amount of \$319,537, an increase of \$5,851 from the 2021 budget. The increase is reflected in wages. After a brief discussion, Tom motioned to send the request as is to the budget committee. Jennie second. Cindy agreed. Motion passed.

Town Clerk Budget follow-up – The selectmen were informed that the \$3,000 that was encumbered from last year cannot be re-encumbered. The Town Clerk was informed of this as well. The selectmen would like to have Sue go over the wages line item with Bonnie before sending the Town Clerk's budget request to the Budget Committee.

Other Business/Correspondence:

Building Notification – Maltais (Map 15C Lot 463) – a limits of liability waiver was signed by the property owners and recorded with the Grafton County Registry of Deeds. Tom motioned to approve the building notification. Jennie second. Cindy agreed. Motion passed.

Intent to Cut – Briggs (Map 6 Lot 168) and Barden (Map 11 Lot 1053). Both intents were approved and signed.

The selectmen reviewed and discussed the following correspondence:

- 2021 Equalization Municipal Assessment Data Certificate – the selectmen reviewed and signed the certificate
- Letter from Mascoma Valley Regional School District re: the School District deliberative session to be held on Saturday, February 5, 2022, 9am at the Mascoma High School auditorium. Steve informed the selectmen that the Town Deliberative Session will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2022, 9am. Location has yet to be determined.
- Letter from Inov8v Energy, LLC
- Approval for Construction – Map 17 Lot 898
- Approval for Operation – Map 6 Lot 575-12

- Two letter from Friends of Grafton Library – The first letter, requested by the Library Trustees, is informing the Town about the annual dates of events hosted on 2 Library Rd: Town Wide Yd Sale, Grafton Garlic Gathering, and Trunk or Treat. The second letter was regarding the picnic table and it being donated to the Town. Cindy stated that the picnic table is to be donated to the Library Trustees and that the Memorandum of Understanding should be followed. Friends of Grafton Library and the Library Trustees should be working together and not have the selectmen as the mediators.

Public Comment:

Maureen O'Reilly commented that other budgets can be used to cover cost of the final invoice with the cook shack.

Final Comments from the Selectmen:

Jennie, referring to the Fire Department 2022 budget request, inquired if monies for the bunker pants could be paid for with the 5 year non-lapsing funds or the ARPA funds. Jennie also commented that the contingency funds could be used to pay the outstanding invoice for the cook shack.

Tom commented that he looked into a keypad for the Town Hall and has not found a solution.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Smith, Administrative Assistant