

**Town of Grafton  
Board of Selectmen  
Tuesday, November 2, 2021**

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

**Others Present:** Paul Vogt, Maureen O'Reilly, Russell Poitras, Sandi Griffin, Shawn McCadden, Gary Whitney

The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

**Acceptance of Minutes:**

Tom motioned to accept the minutes of October 19, 2021, October 29, 2021 and the non-public minutes of November 1, 2021. Jennie seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Selectmen Announcements/Ex-Officio Reports:**

Tom gave the following report from Planning Board – The Planning Board is currently reviewing the first 6 sections of the subdivision regulations.

Cindy announced that the Tax Auction is this Saturday, November 6, 2021, 11am at the Town Hall.

**Public Comment:**

Sandi Griffin commented that it was good to see the community spirit during the Trunk or Treat. Sandi also asked for clarification on the subdivision regulations review. Tom stated that the Planning Board is updating the RSA's and looking to condense the outdated regulations.

Shawn McCadden commented that he would like to see Riddle Hill Road sanded beyond the town maintained road sign prior to November 10<sup>th</sup>. He also requested to have the same agreement as last year with regards to plowing just beyond the sign for those who park in the winter. Cindy stated that the selectmen cannot make an agreement for another elected official. It was recommended that Shawn contact the Road Agent about the plowing.

**Appointments:** None

**New Business:**

2021 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Tax Warrant – Cindy informed the public that the tax rate was set at \$25.88 and gave the following breakdown:

- Town: \$5.38 – down \$.92
- Local School: \$17.19 – stayed the same as last year
- State School: \$1.78 – went up \$.04
- County: \$1.53 – down \$.09

The selectmen signed the tax warrant.

2022 Budget Review – The selectmen reviewed the police department budget with Russell Poitras. The requested amount for 2022: \$209,434. This is a decrease of \$533 from the 2021 budget. Russell stated that he does not have a final number for the dispatch fees and may have to come before the selectmen to amend his budget request. After a brief discussion, the selectmen made the decision to pass the request to the budget committee as is.

The selectmen revisited the Town Clerk budget to review the line items. They removed \$500 from the requested wages line item as this amount will need to be a warrant article to increase the Town Clerk stipend by \$500. This decreased the total requested amount to \$40,648. After a brief discussion, Tom motioned to send the request to the budget committee as amended. Jennie second. Cindy agreed. Motion passed.

### **Other Business/Correspondence:**

Intents to Cut – McGonagle (Map 2 Lots 920 & 488; Map 3 Lot 551) and Dauphinais (Map 11 Lot 180-1) – The selectmen approved and signed both intents to cut.

LUCT – Sumner (Map 11 Lot 1171) tabled for further information.

The Selectmen reviewed and discussed the following correspondence:

- Letter from Department of Safety regarding an Overdue Notice for a 2018 Homeland Security Grant. The selectmen will discuss with the Fire and Ambulance Departments as well as the Fire & Ambulance Auxiliary.
- Approval for Operation – Map 6 Lot 457
- Letter of resignation from David Collins

### **Public Comment:**

Maureen O'Reilly commented about a town truck being parked at the Fire Station and inquired if this is what the Road Agent would like to have. The selectmen stated that the truck was voted on and the Road Agent wanted the people to know that it finally arrived.

### **Final Comments from Selectmen:**

Jennie commented on using monies from other budgets to purchase the safety equipment for the fire department volunteers. Jennie also commented that the recreation committee is short about \$2,800 to complete the dry well and point for the cook shack. Jennie motioned pay this amount from the general government buildings. Cindy disagreed with using tax payer funds to complete the project. No second was given.

Cindy motioned to go into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II(b) regarding a follow-up interview at 7pm. Jennie second. Motion passed.

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

Public session resumed at 7:24 pm.

Cindy announced the selectmen hired a maintenance person at \$14 per hour.

Jennie motioned to adjourn. Tom second. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Smith, Administrative Assistant