

**Town of Grafton
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, January 11, 2022**

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

Others Present: Paul and Denise Vogt, Ed Grinley

The meeting was called to order at 5pm.

The selectmen revisited the warrant articles that were discussed during the December 21, 2021 and January 4, 2022 meetings. The following revisions were made:

- Change the recommendation to 'do not' on the \$3,000 for historical records due to no response from the Town Clerk regarding the number of records remaining to be restored.
- Add 'to name selectmen agents to expend' to the Veterans' Park Capital Reserve Fund warrant article.

The selectmen will be placing and recommending the following to the list of warrant articles already reviewed:

- To see if the Town will raise and appropriate nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) to the previously established New Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund.
- To see if the Town will vote to re-establish the Property Tax Revaluations Capital Reserve Fund and to raise and appropriate fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in that fund.

The selectmen decided not to place a warrant article asking to increase the Town Clerk's stipend by \$500.

Tom commented that he would like to add the following to the list of warrant articles: Abolish the Budget Committee, make the Tax Collector position into an appointed position and to reduce the term of the Town Clerk to 1 year. The selectmen will revisit during the January 18, 2022 meeting.

Cindy commented that the Budget Committee would like to hire a minute taker but they do not have a budget to work from. The executive budget would have to be increased to cover the wages. Both Tom and Cindy disagree with paying a minute taker and Jennie stated that the Budget Committee should appoint a member after the Town Vote in March. Cindy agreed with Jennie and stated that this would help that Budget Committee member to be engaged with what is going on instead of depending on an outside source to do all the work.

Cindy stated that both the Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen should be working together during this budget process and during the next budget cycle they should plan an all day workshop to go over budget requests and recommendations.

Public Comment:

Ed Grinley commented about the ongoing issue with the Library Trustees and gross basis budgeting. He would like clarification on how to proceed prior to the Budget Public Hearing. It was recommended that Ed speak with the Department of Revenue.

Cindy stated that she will be taking minutes for the Budget Committee during the Budget Public Hearing. Jennie stated that she might not be attending the meeting. Cindy offered to sit in as ex-officio if needed.

The 2022 Deliberative Session will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2022, 10am at the Fire Station.

Tom motioned to adjourn. Jennie second. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Smith, Administrative Assistant