

**Town of Grafton
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, April 5, 2022**

Members Present: Tom McGinty, Chairman, Cindy Kudlik, Leif Hogue, Sue Smith (recorder)

Others Present: Paul Vogt, Denise Smith, Gary Whitney, Kami Hammond, Steve Kudlik, Sandra Griffin, Heather Hunter, Gretchen Renee, Maureen O'Reilly, George Curran, Catherine Mulholland, Ed Grinley, Leewhay Pasek, Ryan Huff, Karen Johnson, Roger Prentice, Susan Fienberg

The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Cindy motioned to approve the public and non-public minutes of March 15, 2022. Leif seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ex-Officio Reports:

Tom gave the following updates for Highway Department, Recycle Center and PA System:

- Highway Dept – Joe Braley was made Assistant Road Agent. Also, the highway department is looking to purchase LED lights for the Highway Shed.
- Recycle Center – All employee have been re-certified for 2022.
- PA System – Looked at a few options and found that most PA Systems are around \$1000. There is a possibility of using the PA System from the Fire Station.

Public Comment: None

Appointments:

Gretchen Renee met with the selectmen to discuss possible grants for the Town Hall. Various grant options, ranging from \$500 up to \$25,000 were presented to the selectmen. An Intent to Apply for the Moose Plate Grant was also presented with no obligations to the Town. Gretchen inquired if the foundation had been inspected and it had not. Gretchen stated that she has a contractor in town that has offered to inspect the foundation at no cost. After a brief discussion, the selectmen decided to have the Intent to Apply for the Moose Plate Grant submitted and to allow the contractor to inspect the foundation.

George Curran, Library Trustee, met with the selectmen as a follow-up regarding the MOU that was put in place back in 2015. After a brief discussion, it was decided that Leif will work with George to made the updates. Cindy commented that she would like see the corner lot (2 Library Road) added in the MOU.

Steve Kudlik, Deputy Fire Chief, and Roger Prentice, Fire Chief, presented the selectmen three quotes to purchase 4 air packs (two with thermo imagers and two without) for the fire department. The quotes were from the following: Firematic Supply Co, Inc (\$30,686); Fire Tech & Safety of New England, Inc. (\$34,850); HR.S. Hughes (\$51,084). Both Steve and Roger recommend the Firematic quote as it

meets the needs of the fire department. After a brief discussion, Leif motioned to accept the Firematic Supply Co, Inc quote of \$30,686 and to use the ARPA funds for the purchase. Tom second. Cindy agreed. Motion passed.

New Business:

Health Agencies Appropriations – Tabled for further review. Will be revisited during the April 19th meeting.

Grafton Welfare Regulations review – The selectmen reviewed and updated the welfare regulations. After a brief discussion, Tom motioned to approve the updates. Leif second. Cindy agreed. Motion passed.

Mowing and Trash postings review – The selectmen reviewed the posting for both the Mowing and Trash pick up bids. A few revisions were made. The bids will be opened during the April 19th meeting.

Other Business/ Correspondence:

Building Notification – Salvetti (Map 15C Lot 179) – Cindy motioned to approve the building notification. Leif second. Tom agreed. Motion passed.

Intent to Excavate – Jeremy J. Hiltz (Map 17 Lot 19) – Cindy motioned to approve the intent. Leif second. Tom agreed. Motion passed.

The selectmen reviewed and discussed the following correspondence:

- Grafton County Conservation District 2021 Annual Report
- Vegetation Control Service Inc – Letter and maps regarding the herbicide spraying in the area. The letter will be posted on the website and the packet will be in the office for public viewing.
- Updated Tax Agreement from the Tax Collector
- Approvals of Construction for Map 16D Lot 584 and Map 11E Lot 513

Public Comment:

Maureen O'Reilly inquired if the Highway Department could clean up the pile of sand at the end of Library Road/Rt 4.

Maureen also inquired if she could use the Town Common once a month (end of May to beginning of October) for a Farmer's Market. Maureen was informed that Shop Grafton will be doing the same thing on the recreation field during that time frame.

Maureen questioned as to why ARPA funds would be used for the air packs and not use the monies from the Capital Reserve Fund. She was informed that the monies from the Capital Reserve Fund cannot be used unless there is a warrant.

Ed Grinley commented that some of the ARPA funds should be used for a new office building. There has been a lot of talk throughout the years and nothing happens.

Paul Vogt commented about the recent Planning Board meeting and the behavior of the Planning Board Chairman. Leif stated that he did speak with the chairman about his behavior and he will also speak to

the Planning Board. Paul inquired about the process to remove an unfit public official. Cindy stated that she did not know but will do some research to find out. She will let Paul know of her findings.

Final Comments from Selectmen: None

Leif motioned to adjourn. Cindy second. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Smith, Administrative Assistant