

**Town of Grafton
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, June 20th, 2022**

Members Present: Tom McGinty, Chairman, Cindy Kudlik, Leif Hogue, Sara Hogue (Recorder)

Others Present: Ryan Huff, Lee Whay Pasek, Denise Smith, Paul Vogt, Ken Sherwood

Acceptance of Minutes:

Cindy Motioned to approve the minutes of June 7, 2022 and non-public minutes of June 16, 2022 and June 20, 2022. Tom second. Motion passed.

Ex-Officio Reports:

Leif reports the following from the Library Trustees:

- Computer Grant - ongoing, will be talking about it again at June 23rd meeting
- George Curren is stepping down as Library Trustee, next meeting July 7th

Cindy reports the following from the Cemetery and Ambulance:

- Cemetery
 - Old lawn mowers are cleared out of storage
 - Old leaf vacuum and snow fencing need to go, looking to sell at the Independence Day celebration July 9th
- Ambulance
 - Ambulance had 74 calls so far this year
 - They are not putting together policies for auditors as they are volunteers. Cindy agrees. One was for insurance write off and Cindy will help with that and the other was for a contract for billing.
 - Tires were changed out and the universal replaced, cost \$850
 - Appointments for scheduled maintenance will be in September and December
 - When McKesson order is placed it costs \$17 for freight on each one, even though the order is placed as one big order. McKesson divides it up into smaller shipments. Heather talked with them and got a \$90 credit.

Tom reports the following from the Fire Department and Highway Department:

- Fire Department:
 - Leif will use town sweeper and sweep parking lot with approval from Geoffry
 - The Forestry truck is gone.
 - Battery charger in engine 2 has been installed
 - Bylaws are moving along
 - Training will be back to same nights as meetings for the summer, except for July because of a scheduling conflict
 - Siding is in and install will tentatively start 7/18
- Highway Department:
 - Roadside mower to be dropped off and ETA to complete repairs is two weeks

- Paving at the Dump is being discussed. It will go from the entrance, concrete pad back to the bottles building. Waiting to hear back from DES for approval.

Appointments:

Ken Sherwood met with the selectman to discuss testing the water at Kilton Pond. He is asking the town support to pay the \$58 cost for the testing for the three summer months. Volunteers collect the water samples at the inlet from Smith River and the outlet at Huff Beach. Testing covers e coli as well PH, phosphorus, septic solids, temperature. Volunteers pick up the testing equipment from DES in New London, collect the samples and return the equipment to New London. The \$58 only covers the state charge for the test. Volunteers cover any other costs. DES used to come and test for eColi but stopped due to Covid-19. DES is able to start doing their own testing again, but this only tests for e coli along the beach. Kilton pond is heavily populated between the residences around the pond and the visitors to the beach so it is important to keep an eye on it. Ken also reports that there is an outstanding bill of \$40 due for last year's testing. Ken will check in with Sue in regards to the bill. Leif motioned to approve the commitment of this year. Tom second. Motion passed.

New Business:

Three eviction/90 day repurchase notifications - Cindy motioned to sign letters. Tom Second. Motion passed.

Other Business/Correspondence:

- Building notification - Mason (Map 3 Lot 672) - building notification Cindy motioned to approve, Tom second. Motion passed.
- Primex Insurance caps- Leif motioned to sign, Cindy second. Tom signed

The selectman reviewed and discussed the following correspondence:

- Letter from NHEC about broadband. It is in the process of obtaining the grant. It will only be provided to NHEC customers. They are competing with Consolidated for the grant.
- Letter from Consolidated. They are moving forward with their grant, which will cover 75% of fiberoptic to be run and then Consolidated will pick up the 25% costing the town zero dollars. They are looking for a letter of support for the grant to be sent to the governor's office. Tom signed the letter and will email it. More information about the grant can be found on the Consolidated website.
- Reminder letter for Ambulance department for follow up
- Letter from Shannon Poitras - town treasurer - Selectmen will meet with Sahnnon regarding delegation of investment, cash management funds, record keeping, and record reconciliation of revolving accounts
- Letter from state stating the second trench of the funds are coming, should have been received by the state this week and are expecting to distribute within next 30 days
- Septic approval letter - Sally point Rd
- Inventory of phone poles
- DRA - letter asking if selectmen are using the inventory forms. Tom checked no and signed by Cindy, Tom, and Leif

- List of upcoming town appointments for Executive Councilor, Joe Kenney, Grafton is not on the list
- Dog Licensing and Warrants list - list is dated June 10th. Question around weather or not to send out warrants because the list is not accurate. A lot of money was wasted past years on postage for warrants not needed.

Public Comment:

- Electric co-op says prices are going to go up. Where are they at getting town employees to shut the lights off when they're not there? - The Highway department has been leaving the lights on. Leif noticed Friday the big door light was still on. Tom will talk with them.
- Did Consolidated have a timeline for rollout? - Consolidated wants to roll out immediately. They say they can have trucks out as early as September, they have a due date of the end of next week to get they're questions in. Anticipate the grant to be awarded in August. Everything else required is done.
- Where did the Forestry truck end up? What was the process? - It went back to the state. We could only have it if we used it, but we never used it so it had to go back.

Final Comments from Selectman:

Cindy found a list of potential Boston Cane recipients. She gave the list to Ed and there may be a new recipient announced at the Independence day celebration. Ed needs to check over the list to see who will get it. The Boston Cane is a cane that goes to the eldest member of Grafton. The cane they get is a replica, and the original can be viewed in the Historical Museum.

Cindy motioned to go into non-public accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II(c) re: Administrative Assistant position at 7:07pm Tom Second. Motion passed.

Cindy motioned to come out of the non-public session at 7:22pm. Tom second. Motion passed.

Public session resumed. The selectmen have made an offer for the Administrative Assistant position to Sara Hogue. She accepted.

Cindy motioned to adjourn, Tom second. Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Hogue