

**Town of Grafton
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, July 19, 2022**

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

Others Present: Heather Hunter, Ryan Huff, Lee Whay Pasek, Gary Whitney, Catherine Mulholland, Maureen O'Reilly, Paul Vogt, Rich Angell, tony Stelik, and one other (name unknown)

the meeting was called to order at 6:15pm

Non-Public – RSA 91-A,3II (c) RE: Property Tax DEED – 5:30pm

Documents Notarized:

Deed with no Covenants

Cemetery Deed

Replacement Cemetery Deed

Acceptance of Minutes: Cindy motioned to approve both public and non-public minutes of July 5, 2022. Leif Second, motion approved

Ex-Officio Reports:

Leif reported the following from the Library – George Curren has stepped down as Library Trustee and they are now looking for a new Library Trustee

Cindy reported the following from the ambulance and Cemetery:

- Ambulance – they are on their 82nd run so far which is slightly up from last year. Auxiliary was going to take donations for the new ambulance but they have reneged on that offer.
- Cemetery – They are in the process of replacing missing deeds

Tom reported the following from the Highway, Recycling, Police, and Fire Departments:

- Highway/Recycling Center -
 - End of compactor was rotted so the highway department repaired it. In doing so they needed to purchase a new welder
 - Roadside mower should be coming back soon
 - Filled in Mill Brook Rd with ledge pack and grates
- Police Department –
 - Chief Briggs is settling in
 - police Station stairs need to be repaired. It was discussed if they should be replaced with a ramp, they will move forward with the stairs
- Fire Department/Maintenance –
 - They are working with the Highway Department to pave from the fire department parking lot to the police station. They are waiting for a quote.

New Business:

- Building notification received for Pittman (Map15c, Lot 36). Cindy will visit property next week

- Highway Department lighting will be replaced with LED lights. Estimated cost for lights and Lift is \$1420. Total estimated cost to included labor is around \$2300. Money will either come from General Building fund or ARPA funds. Cindy motioned to approve, Tom second.

Other Business/Correspondence:

- Dog Warrant revisited – Cindy put together a document that included history and statistics from 2020 and 2021 Dog Licensing and Warrant process as well as information on the RSAs surrounding dog licensing laws. Cindy stated “This particular system is broken in the Town of Grafton and it’s time to stop blindly signing a blanket dog warrant without names, without having complete and accurate information, a proper notification system in place and detailed results after it’s signed.” Cindy proposed that a warrant should not be issued until a conversation is had with parties involved. Tom motioned to invited Bonnie and Chief Briggs to the next selectmen's meeting on August 2, 2022at 6:15pm, Leif second.
- Letter from Lacota Trust re: Tiny House – 350 Dean Hill Rd. It was an unsigned letter with no one to respond to. Tom will contact Lawyer for advice on how to move forward.
- Executive Councilor District 1 Meeting Wrap up 6/29/2022 - This will be at the Town Office if anyone would like to review
- Letter from NHRS re: Employee contribution rates – will be staying the same
- Post card for employee assistance program

Public Comment:

- Question regarding Non-Public, Tom stated no decisions were made
- Question regarding how much money has the town lost in regards to the dog warrants. Tom states that information is with the Town Clerk’s office
- Question if the selectman have the dog warrant and if it could be viewed. No they do not, and it is not public record
- Question if an article could be put on the next town warrant to rescind the dog license requirement in town. Yes it could.
- Jim Griffin asked about paying for the Veteran’s Memorial previously approved. Invoice can be brought to the Selectmen’s office and it will get processed.
- Questions regarding Lacota Trust letter. It is public record and can be viewed.
- Question regarding lighting project at the Highway Department. It will improve the lighting, and will save on cost of electricity moving forward
- Question regarding Admin Assistant pay and up-cycling at the dump. The admin is only \$2.46 more. Selectmen will talk with Rick

Final Comments from Selectmen:

Cindy announced that the Air packs for the Fire Department came in, the cost, which was \$30,686, will come from the ARPA funds

Leif motioned to adjourn, Tom second. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully,
Sara Hogue, Administrative Assistant