

**Town of Grafton
Board of Selectmen
Wednesday, March 3, 2021
Amended and Approved on March 16, 2021**

Members Present: Steve Darrow, Chairman, Jennie Joyce, Cindy Kudlik, Sue Smith (recorder)

Others Present: Tom McGinty, Ed Grinley, Dylan Gingles, Steve Kudlik

The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Cindy motioned to accept the minutes of February 16, 2021, February 19, 2021 and February 26, 2021. Jennie seconded the minutes of February 16, 2021. Steve seconded the minutes of February 19, 2021 and February 26, 2021 with Jennie abstaining. Motion passed.

Selectmen Announcements:

All three selectmen commented on the recent newsletter that was put out by the Town Clerk. Steve commented that the newsletter reminded him of “The Focus” that was published years ago. Cindy commented that she was torn between letting it go and not say anything or telling the Town Clerk that she needs to stop using Town resources to produce the newsletter.

Ex-Officio Reports:

Steve gave the following report from Planning Board – There was no business during the February meeting, however the chairman of Planning Board was more interested in discussions not pertaining to Planning Board business.

Cindy gave the following report from the Grafton Volunteer Ambulance – The ambulance department is not interested in taking minutes but they are looking to updating and using a contract for volunteers who will be taking EMT classes. The ambulance department will also be obtaining a town email address as well as starting a Facebook page.

Public Comment:

Ed Grinley, referring to the current newsletter, questioned if the Town Clerk has access to the selectmen’s office to reboot the main computer when the internet goes down. Steve informed Ed that the Town Clerk does have access to the selectmen’s office. The DSL (internet) has recently been repaired by Consolidated Communications. Ed also stated that he is tired of hearing about the furniture in the selectmen’s office and would like the Selectmen to do something about it.

Tom McGinty also commented about the newsletter and feels the selectmen should address the issue now and not wait until the next newsletter is published.

Appointments:

The appointment with Steve Kudlik was canceled due to testing of the voting machine.

New Business:

Recycle Rules and Regulations – The selectmen reviewed and revised the Recycle Rules and Regulations. The final draft will be signed during the next selectmen's meeting.

Logging Operations and Bonds – Steve recommended that the Board should turn to legal help before proceeding. NHMA will be contacted prior to contacting the Town's attorney.

Snowmobiles on Roadways – Steve stated the snowmobiles did pack down the roads, as well as the groomer and this made the roads difficult to maintain. Steve also stated that around 2015, the Town voted down allowing snowmobiles on the roadways. After a brief discussion, the selectmen declined to approve the request from Slab City Motorsports, made during the February 16, 2021 meeting, to allow snowmobiles on the roadways.

Other Business/Correspondence:

Bautel Follow-up – Cindy and Steve met with Jon Bautel on February 19, 2021 to discuss the height of the fence. Jon informed the selectmen, during this meeting, that he changed his mind and is refusing to do anything with the fence. The selectmen will no longer send correspondence to Jon Bautel and Cindy will be in contact with the Police Chief regarding the fence issue.

Abatement Applications – Wheeler (Map 3 Lot 889-6) – tabled for further information from the assessor. Kudlik (Map 12 Lot 431-4-01) – Steve and Jennie accepted the recommendation from the assessor to deny the abatement application. Cindy abstained.

Land Use Change Tax – Kenyon (Map 16 Lot 771) – approved and signed by the selectmen.

Solar Exemption – Nunes (Map 21 Lot 639-7) – approved and signed by the selectmen.

The selectmen reviewed and discussed the following correspondence:

- Letter and breakdown of costs from the Grafton Fire Chief re: McDow Lane fire. Steve will be in contact with the Fire Chief to see if other towns that responded to the call are willing to add to the breakdown of costs associated with the fire.
- Letter from Division of Forests and Lands re: Forest Fire Warden and Deputy appointments for Grafton.
- Letter from Avitar to MVP requesting financial statements for the BTLA case.
- Approval for Construction – Map 5 Lots 736 and 737
- NHMA Legislative Bulletin

Public Comment: None

Final Comments from Selectmen:

Jennie commented that HB 594 came out of committee as “Ought to Pass”. The floor vote has not been scheduled.

Cindy bid a fond farewell to Steve and thanked him for his many years of service to the Town. Cindy also inquired about the following outstanding issues that were discussed in previous meetings:

- Building Notification from Art Edmiston for the MH that he moved to a different location in Town. Steve informed Cindy a notification has not been issued as there is no mailing address to send it to. Cindy will be in contact with Mr. Edmiston.
- If any updated documents have been received in the Town Office with regards to the Barbagallo property donation to the Town. No updated documents have been received.
- Inquired if Rick has been contacted about the Burn Class. Jennie stated that he has been contacted and did take a burn class a few years ago. Jennie also stated that Rick is looking into getting into a burn class through DES.
- Mowing and Trash pick-up bids. The postings will be reviewed during the next meeting.

“Thank you to the many folks in town who supported me over the many years as I tried to do my best to be as helpful as I could. May the town flourish in the years ahead.” - Steve Darrow

Cindy motioned to adjourn. Jennie second. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Smith, Administrative Assistant