

**Town of Grafton  
Board of Selectmen  
Tuesday, January 17, 2023**

**Members Present:** Cindy Kudlik, Chairman, Leif Hogue, Jennie Joyce, Sara Hogue (recorder)

**Others Present:** Maureen O'Reilly, Gary Whitney, Paul Vogt, David Hunter, Heather Hunter, Kathy Lund, Jake Vogel, LeeWhay Pasek, Ryan Huff

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

**Acceptance of Minutes**

Jennie motioned to approve minutes from January 3, 2023, and January 10, 2023 public minutes, and January 17, 2023 non-public minutes. Leif seconded. Motion passed.

**Ex-Officio Reports**

Leif reported that the Fire Department met on January 9, 2023, to elect nominations from December. The department ended up redoing their nominations and voting based on that. Warrant articles 17 and 18 from 1995 state that the Selectmen need to approve nominations before they are voted in. Leif motioned to keep the nominations from December except for Chris Liles as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. Jennie Seconded. Cindy Agreed. Motion passed.

A letter to the Chief informing of the decision will be sent.

Cindy reported that the Budget Hearing was on January 12, 2023.

Cindy answered a question from a previous meeting in regards to Jake refusing to sign the attendance sheet. Per RSA 91-A:2 II Minutes of meetings shall include the names of members, and persons appearing before the public bodies.

Cindy commented regarding the pending court case. Sharon Clark is still a named party on the court paperwork because that's how it was filed, so her name will continue to appear in the court caption. The case is still pending legal action, per RSA 91-A:3 II (e) consultation of pending litigation is not privy to the right to know law, no further public conversation will be had in regards to this case.

**Public Comment**

Jake Vogel wanted to know if the Fire Department elections were done by written ballot.

Ryan Huff wanted to know why the junkyard ordinance wasn't followed.

Paul Vogt commented that the issue at 350 Dean seemed to be selective.

**New Business**

The Highway department needs to replace the Sander. Geoff got a quote from Viking Cives for a new sander for \$29,700. They keep having to replace the chain on the current sander. Leif said the way that it is built, it costs too much to keep fixing every year. A new sander would be a better long-term solution. Jennie motioned to use ARPA funds to cover the cost. Leif seconded. Motion passed.

**USDA Grant for New Ambulance – Informational**

Heather Hunter talked to the public about the USDA grant that the Ambulance department has applied for. The total cost of the Ambulance will be \$263,059. If received, the grant will cover 32% of the cost. The rest of the funds will come from ARPA funds and the Ambulance revolving account, and

the Capital Reserve. No money will come from taxation. The Ambulance is a Braun Ambulance and is expected to be ready in 2024.

### **Other Business**

Ambulance Billing Write-Off Policy was signed by the Selectboard

Petition Warrant Articles were reviewed. The Selectboard does not recommend Article 19 for the New Library.

Fritz Building Notification was revisited. The Selectboard needed to make a motion on the appeal that was received. Cindy motioned to reject the appeal. Leif seconded. Motion passed. A letter will be sent to Mr. Fritz.

### **Correspondence**

The Community Development Finance Authority email with a list of 2023 programs

Mary Gasiorowski's email regarding FoGL Insurance renewal- still listing Grafton as additional insured to cover events on town property.

John Sellers email – regarding extra ARPA funds update. There hasn't been any formal plan to release the funds yet.

NH Electric Co-Op letter – Tree Re-clearing notice for NHEC Utility Right-of-way.

### **Public Comment**

LeeWhay Pesak wanted to know if her email request was received.

Jake Vogel wanted to know if the definition of appearance was legal advice. Cindy noted it was per an RSA.

Ryan Huff stated that he had not received a notice from Avitar that they were stopping by when he first moved to Grafton. David Hunter said it was probably due to timing.

Gary Whitney wanted to know if Avitar asks permission to come or just sends a letter stating that they are coming. The letter does not say exactly when they will be coming around. Jennie would like to get clarification from Avitar on when they are going to be coming.

Cindy motioned to adjourn at 6:40 pm. Leif seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sara Hogue