

**Town of Grafton  
Board of Selectmen  
Tuesday, February 21, 2023**

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

**Others Present:** Maureen O'Reilly, Gary Whitney, Jake Vogel, LeeWhay Pasek, Ryan Huff, Steve Darrow, Dianne Burrington, Gretchen Renee

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

**Acceptance of Minutes**

Jennie motioned to approve February 7, 2023, and February 13, 2023, public minutes, and February 13, 2023, Non-Public minutes. Leif seconded. Cindy Agreed. Motion passed.

**Public Comment**

Steve Darrow thanked the Selectboard for not recommending article 19 after it was amended. He noted that Cornish has a similar situation with their library and they have put together a planning committee that came up with a detailed plan with cost to present to the town. The cost was \$2.4 mil.

Jennie checked the property file for 2 Library Rd and there is no mention of a well or septic.

**Ex-Officio Reports**

Leif reported the following for the Library and Fire Department:

- The Library Trustees met on February 16. they have made Deb Clough the Interim Library Director. Cindy questioned if that was a conflict of interest considering that Deb is also a member of FoGL. They rehired Sandi Pierson and also hired Susan Fienberg. Cindy thought the Library Trustees had decided they weren't hiring a new library director until march. The Library Trustees also discussed replacing the lights with LEDs and wondered if the Selectboard would cover the cost. Leif told them that they should use the Capital Reserve Fund, as it is for repairs and upkeep of the Library.
- Fire Department met on February 13. They continue to argue about bylaws, etc. Some members left the meeting due to the arguing.

Cindy reported the following from the Ambulance Department:

- The Ambulance met on February 14. They reviewed the Ambulance billing write-offs. The Handwritten notes were from Dottie Ernst. Cindy had suggested that they call CAG and see if another employee or contractor could do billing. They also discussed the write-offs being less than 24 months and questioned the need to change the policy. Heather will contact Golden Cross to see if they could do the billing or make a recommendation. The CAG contract was signed in 2016 so the work is out of contract anyway. The cost of the computer that was returned still needs to be paid back to the town. Jennie said that Kathy will be using the money towards a new PC. Cindy stated that the \$475 was reimbursed to Kathy in August, the PC returned in November and the town's still out the money without a computer and if it's not resolved soon we should consider invoicing Kathy to get the money back.

Cindy also noted that we received updated rosters from the Ambulance and Fire Departments.

Cindy announced that the Selectboard will be holding a non-public tomorrow night February 22nd at 4:30pm to review old sealed non-public meeting minutes.

**Appointments**

Gretchen Renee – Town Hall Report and Site Work – 6:15pm

We received the final Town Hall report from Mae Williams. Mae incorporated the annotations from sections two through four. The early history was removed. Gretchen is still finding inaccuracies with data and dates. She suggested going through the final copy and redacting and adding footnote corrections. Cindy read the letter that came with the town report as it addresses the reasons for no changes to those sections. Gretchen had given the date for the addition as an example, the report states it was in 1937, but Gretchen believes that it was much later. Cindy asked if we knew the date, and Gretchen said she was still researching. Jennie believes the addition was around 1955. Cindy suggested making the edits and redaction on our copy and sending that along to the NH preservation alliance. Leif motioned to give Gretchen one week to make edits. Jennie seconded. Cindy agreed. Motion passed. Gretchen wanted to know if the Board would move forward with the site work, including the retaining wall, handicapped parking space, kitchen gray water run-off, and Vapor barrier. The total for work is around \$18,500. Sills also need to be done, which was quoted at \$16,000. Dianne said that we should do drainage and handicap spot first before doing the work to the basement. Cindy noted that Jim Phelps's quote from a year ago was \$6,000, and now the cost has increased. Cindy had talked to Bob Senter about gray water, and he had said it would cost next to nothing to have the pipe run into the septic tank. Jennie said that supposedly the sills were fixed already by the Betty Stiles' sons. Gretchen said the last time work was done on the sills was in the 1980s. Leif stated that we should get updated quotes from Jim and Bob. Gretchen will reach out to them.

### **New Business**

Apparel Impact Bins – A representative from Apparel Impact stopped by the Selectmen's Office to see if we would be interested in having a clothing and shoe donation bin in Grafton. Apparel Impact is Veteran Owned. No clothing items go into the landfill. They are donated to those in need. What cannot be donated will be recycled into other items. All donations are kept within the US. There is no charge for the bin. Leif motioned to allow them to place a bin at the edge of 2 Library Road. Jennie seconded. Cindy agreed. Motion passed.

### **Correspondence**

Jennifer Goodman's email regarding the Town Hall Report.

Ambulance narrative report for Grant.

Governor and Executive Council Meeting Report from February 8, 2023

Dale Guinn NHDES email regarding the Kilton Pond Dam - Work will start around April 1, 2023. Dale will be at the Selectboard meeting on March 7 for an informational meeting.

### **Public Comment**

Gretchen Renee said there is still sand on Height of Land Rd. She is concerned because there are chemicals in the sand, and it is near the water. Leif will look at it.

Maureen O'Reilly asked for clarification on the Town Hall report feedback regarding not having more interest from the public. Gretchen said that was from the Moose Plate grant, which was denied. Dianne has reached out to Amy Dixon and waiting to hear back.

Leif motioned to adjourn. Cindy Seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sara Hogue