

**Town of Grafton  
Board of Selectmen  
Tuesday, April 18, 2023**

**Members Present:** Leif Hogue, Chairman, Jennie Joyce, Russell Poitras, Sara Hogue (recorder)

**Others Present:** Paul Vogt, Maureen O'Reilly, LeeWhay Pasek, Ryan Huff, Jake Vogel, Mitchell Briggs

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

**Acceptance of Minutes**

Jennie motioned to accept the April 4, 2023 public and non-public minutes. Russell Seconded. Leif agreed. Motion passed.

**Ex-Officio Reports**

Jennie announced that the recreation committee will be hosting a Taco Night on May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall.

Leif reported the following from the Ambulance and Fire Departments:

The ambulance has received their new computer

The fire Department removed two members for not signing the bylaws.

**Appointments**

- Mitchell Briggs, Chief of Police – Security Cameras and Police Cruisers – Mitchell got a quote from Tasco for security cameras for the Town Office and Police Station. The quote was for \$13,000 for equipment and setup. The yearly fee is \$364. It would allow Hanover Dispatch to access the live feed. Mitchell will call around for better pricing.  
Mitchell is looking into replacing the cruisers. He would like to have the two cruisers on a 6-year replacement rotation, replacing one every 3 years. The department currently has a 2014 and 2016. He has already gone over his budget for repairs this year due to how old the cruisers are. There is money in the Capital Reserve fund however, there are no agents to expend. The Grafton County Sheriff's Department has a 2020 Interceptor up for discussion. Mitchell has a meeting with them in May to look at it. The cruiser will be around \$15,000 partially equipped. He has looked at his budget and because he was budgeted for an additional full-timer, which he will not be getting this year, he will have enough in the budget to make the purchase. He will update the board once he has had a chance to meet with the Sheriff's Department.

**New Business**

Building Notification – Map 14 Lot 127-2 – Leif motioned to accept. Jennie seconded. Russell agreed. Motion passed.

Building Notification – Map 10 Lot 921 – there were some questions regarding needing a Liability waiver for being on a private road. Leif motioned to table it until the next meeting. Jennie seconded. Russell agreed. Motion passed.

Timber Tax Warrant - Elaina Bergamini – Map 7 Lot 846 was signed.

Excavation Tax Warrant – Jeremy Hiltz – Map 17 Lot 19 was signed.

Mowing and Trash Pick-up Bids – One bid was received for both the mowing and trash pick-up from Ed Grinley. The following is the breakdown for both bids:

- Trash Pick-up - \$1,220
  - Mowing - \$7,550 (\$7,300 for the mowing and \$250 for the winter sand removal).
- Russell motioned to accept the bids. Jennie seconded. Leif Agreed. Motion passed.

Health Agencies Allocations - The selectmen reviewed and discussed the various organizations that requested funding for 2023. Leif motioned to allocate the \$9,200 to the following organizations:

- Grafton County Senior Citizens Council - \$2,300
- West Central Behavioral Health - \$1,400
- Visiting Nurse and Hospice - \$2,200
- Tri-County CAP - \$2,400
- WISE - \$300
- Bridge House - \$400

Jennie second. Russell agreed. Motion passed.

### **Other Business**

Leif met with Dan Collins of the Canaan Selectboard. Canaan is looking for help with hauling at the transfer station. He would like to proposed trading Canaan's ambulance fees for Grafton's roll of fees. Canaan would cover repairs and pay fuel for the use of our roll-off. They also have a mechanic if needed. Jennie suggested holding a special meeting, Leif would like to invite Rick, Steve, and Kathy.

### **Correspondence**

- Email from Cindy Kudlik with information from Inception Tech regarding scanning services for electronic filing.
- DES approval for Construction of Individual Sewage System 307 Millbrook Rd
- DES approval for Construction of Individual Sewage System at 213 Cherry Hill Rd
- Vegetation Control Services letter notifying the town of Herbicide treatment of the NHEC power lines. Work to start on or around July 1, 2023.
- JSJ Auctions letter regarding State of NH surplus property auction on May 20, 2023.

### **Public Comment**

Jake Vogel inquired about the thought process behind the Liability Waiver. After some discussion, Russell said he needs to look into it some more.

Maureen asked for an update on the Town Office IT Support. The contract has been signed and computers have been ordered.

Maureen inquired if there was an update on the Town Hall drainage. Russell saw Bob Senter looking at it.

Maureen cemented that the Library misrepresented the purpose of the \$2,000 that the people voted for. It was supposed to go towards the cost of electricity and fuel but the staff got raises instead.

Maureen wanted to know if we still post bonds for loggers on Grafton roads and what happens when a road is damaged by the logging trucks. Jennie said the road agent bills the logger for damages.

Jennie motioned to adjourn. Leif seconded. Russell agreed. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sara Hogue, Administrative Assistant