

**Town of Grafton
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, March 16, 2021**

Members Present: Jennie Joyce, Cindy Kudlik, Tom McGinty, Sue Smith (recorder)

Others Present: Ed Grinley, John Babiarz, Scott Smith, Dylan Gingles, Rich Angel, Bonnie Haubrich

The meeting was called to order at 9am.

Oaths of Office:

Ed Grinley was re-appointed to the Recreation Committee and took the oath of office.

Selection of Chair and Ex-Officio's for the Board of Selectmen:

Jennie motioned for Cindy to be chairman. Tom second. Motion passed.

The selectmen decided the following ex-officio/liaison assignments:

- Budget Committee ex-officio – Jennie Joyce
- Planning Board ex-officio – Tom McGinty
- Grafton Volunteer Ambulance, Cemetery Trustees and Library Trustees liaison – Cindy Kudlik
- Fire Dept Volunteers liaison – Tom McGinty
- Hwy Dept/Recycle Center liaison – all three selectmen

RSA 31:105 – Indemnification of Damages:

Jennie motioned to adopt RSA 31:105 Indemnification of Damages. Cindy second. Tom agreed. Motion passed.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Jennie, commenting on the March 3, 2021 minutes, would like to amend a portion of the selectmen announcements given from Steve Darrow. After a brief discussion, Cindy agreed with Jennie to amend the minutes. Jennie motioned to accept the March 3, 2021 minutes as amended. Cindy agreed. Tom abstained. Motion passed.

Selectmen Announcements:

Jennie stated that she was upset that WA#14, re-establishing the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund, did not pass. Jennie stated that it is possible to place the warrant article on next year's ballot and to have a better explanation as to why this article is placed.

Ex-Officio Reports:

Cindy, reporting on behalf of the Cemetery Trustees, informed the Board that a cemetery plot has yet to be determined for the town to purchase for indigent burials. Cindy also stated that the Cemetery

Trustees are also asking the selectmen to purchase corner stones for the plot. This will increase the original price from \$125 to \$325.

Cindy also informed the Board that she attended the Library Trustee meeting on Saturday, March 13th. The meeting was about forming a strategic planning committee and the time frame to work on this plan is about 5 to 6 months with a goal to see where the direction of the library is headed. The committee members are the three library trustees, the library director, a representative from FoGL (Elaina Bergamini), a selectman (Cindy Kudlik) and a representative from the planning board (not yet determined).

Public Comment:

Rich Angel asked for clarification on the cemetery plot that the Town of Grafton will be purchasing. Cindy commented that the Town is purchasing a plot for indigent burials, cremations specifically,

Appointments:

The appointment with Ian Silberman did not take place due to a miscommunication about the date of the meeting.

Bonnie Haubrich was asked to meet with the Selectmen to discuss the recent newsletter. Cindy started the conversation about both the newsletter and Steve Darrow's response as both being unprofessional. Bonnie told Cindy to stop commenting and Cindy stated she would like to finish what she would like to say. Bonnie, refusing to discuss the newsletter any further, left the meeting abruptly. The selectmen continued the discussion and the following decisions were made: 1) to ask Bonnie to provide a complete list, along with proof of ownership, of the office furniture that was mentioned in the newsletter; 2) Cindy motioned to inform Bonnie to stop producing the newsletter using the Town Seal and any Town resources. Tom second. Jennie agreed. Motion passed.

Ed Grinley presented a plan for the snack shack at the Recreation Field. Ed would like to put it out for bid and have the recreation committee review the bids prior to presenting them to the selectmen in early May. The recreation committee's goal is to have the construction of the new snack shack completed in early July. Jennie asked what the estimated cost will be. Ed is estimating that the cost will be around \$40,000, to come from the Recreation Field Shelter Capital Reserve Fund. A question was asked if the meeting with the recreation committee will be public when they review the bids. Ed stated that the meeting will be public.

New Business:

MS-232 Report of Appropriations Actually Voted – The selectmen reviewed and signed the 2021 MS-232.

Finalizing Recycle Rules & Regulations Revision – The selectmen reviewed and signed the revised Recycle Rules & Regulations.

Review of Mowing & Trash Pick-up postings – The selectmen reviewed the wording of both the mowing & trash pick-up postings. The selectmen decided to combine all municipal locations to one posting for the mowing and trimming posting. The Town Common is no longer going to be a separate

posting. The selectmen will be accepting sealed bids between now, March 16, 2021 thru April 5, 2021 and will open the bids during their meeting on Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

Other Business/Correspondence:

Abatement Applications – Wheeler, revisited (Map 3 Lot 889-6) tabled for further review. Dell’Erba (Map 11 Lot 1239) Jennie motioned to go with the assessor’s recommendation to deny the application. Tom second. Cindy agreed. Motion passed.

Current Use Applications – Fienberg (Map 16 Lot 301 and Map 16 Lot 302) – the selectmen approved and signed the applications.

Timber Tax Warrant – Perry (Map 11 Lots 1047 & 1050, Map 12 Lot 1049) – the selectmen approved and signed the warrant.

Veterans’ Tax Credit – the selectmen approved and signed.

The selectmen reviewed and discussed the following correspondence:

- NHMA Legislative Bulletin from March 5, 2021
- Letter from DES re: Groundwater Management Permit Renewal Application

Public Comment:

Dylan Gingues inquired if the Health Officer position is not filled, what happens to that position. The selectmen stated that it would be like the welfare director position; it falls to the selectmen.

Dylan also inquired about the assessing and if anyone can do the job. Jennie stated that the selectmen are the assessing body of the Town but it is in the best interest of the Town to have hire a licensed assessing firm to perform these duties.

Final Comments from the Selectmen: None

Non-Public RSA 91-A:3, II(c) re: Property Ownership – the person who asked for the non-public session did not show for the appointment.

Jennie motioned to adjourn. Tom second. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:22am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Smith, Administrative Assistant