

**Town of Grafton
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, February 6, 2024**

Members Present: Leif Hogue, Chair, Jennie Joyce, Steve Darrow, Sara Hogue (Recorder)

Others Present: Gary Whitney, Paul Vogt, Jake Vogel, Ryan Huff, Lee Way Pasek, Sandi Pierson, Maureen O'Reilly

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

Acceptance of Minutes

Leif motioned to accept the January 16, 2024 public minutes and January 24, 2024, non-public minutes. Steve seconded. Jennie agreed. Motion passed.

Ex-Officio Reports

Steve reported that the Planning Board did a three-lot merger on Brock Hill Rd.

Appointments

Sandi Pierson - Documents to donate to the Historical Society - 6 pm - Sandi Found the Declaration of Independence in the basement of the Library and would like to donate it to the Historical Society. Steve Motion to accept the donation. Jennie seconded. Leif agreed. Motion passed. Sandi will drop off at the Town Office on Wednesday.

Sandi also has some documents that were John Bassett's from when he was Road Agent that included a document of Road Layouts from 1793-1830, a document of Roads discontinued between 1910 - 1981, and a map of Grafton with roads, culverts, and bridges. She would like to donate the documents to the Historical Society. Steve accepted the donation.

New Business

Appoint Forest Fire Warden - The Forest Fire Warden position is appointed every three years and it is time to appoint again. Leif had talked with Fire Chief Roger Prentice, and he was interested in doing it. Steve commented that it makes it easier for a chief to be a warden because the warden paperwork often requires a fire chief's signature. Steve motioned to appoint Roger Prentice as the Forest Fire Warden. Jennie seconded. Leif agreed. Motion passed.

Other Business

Steve would like to bring back the action item list for the Selectboard meetings. It helped keep all the tasks in order. Steve reviewed the following:

- Drainage at historical museum - This has become a big problem. He would like to look into how getting it fixed.
- Pole Barn - The Board needs to decide what can be done with it. Cemetery uses it to store their equipment. It was suggested that a small shed could be set up for them. Jennie suggested it should be torn down. Steve noticed that there looked to be a couple of fridges in there. Leif said that those were donated to the Rec committee from Hypertherm for the cook shake.
- Jennie added that the town office building does not have enough room anymore. The Selectboard and Town Clerk offices are too crowded, the Welfare desk is in the hallway, the Planning Board and Supervisors of the Checklist do not have a space. Steve commented that the Selectmen could use a workspace as well.

- Parsonage - Steve would like to wait until after the election to address it but would like it to be inspected.
- Maintenance - We need a maintenance person.
- Property Re-evaluations - Town-wide re-evaluation will be in 2025, it's also when the Town's contract with Avitar is due to be renewed so the Board will need to start planning for that.

Public Comment

Sandi Pierson commented that the Avitar contract for the software is separate from their services. She also commented that she is pleased with the plowing and sanding that is being done by the Highway Department.

Jake Vogel commented on the Warrant Article for the adoption of RSA 41:14a and that it should be more specific to what it would be used for. Leif commented that it is because there are multiple issues that it could help address.

Ryan Huff inquired if the Town Hall could be used for Town Business. Steve replied that it is where the Selectmen's office used to be.

Final Comments from the Board

Steve commented that the Town Deliberative is on Saturday and wanted to make sure that the Fire Chief is reminded that the trucks need to be moved.

Leif motioned to adjourn. Steve seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Hogue, Administrative Assistant