

**Town of Grafton
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, October 3, 2023**

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

Others Present: Gary Whitney, Paul Vogt, Maureen O'Reilly, Catherine Mulholland, Ed Grinley, Sandra Griffin, Deb Clough, Karen Johnson, Mitchell Briggs, Rick Jackson, Bonnie Haubrich, Alice Roy, Kathy Lund

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

Acceptance of Minutes

Leif motioned to accept the September 5, 2023, and September 25, 2023 minutes. Jennie Seconded. Motion passed.

Ex-Officio Reports

Leif reported that the Fire Dept sign came in. They are looking for someone to finish the siding on the Fire Department and Town Office building.

The Selectmen met with the department heads to review, discuss, and make recommendations for the following 2024 budget requests:

Library Trustees – The requested amount for 2024 is \$21,100 (\$22,100 from the operating budget and \$1,000 from the gross basis). This is an increase of \$60 from 2023. After reviewing the budget, the Selectmen decreased the heating fuel to \$1,300. These amounts decreased the total budget request to \$21,400. Russell motioned to send the budget request as amended to the budget committee. Leif seconded. Jennie agreed. Motion passed.

Police Department – The requested amount for 2024 is \$215,131. This is an increase of \$5,139 from 2023. After a brief discussion, Russell motioned to send the budget to the Budget Committee as is. Leif seconded. Jennie agreed. Motion passed.

Recycle Center – The requested amount for 2024 is \$118,100. This is an increase of \$7,050 from 2023. After reviewing the budget, the Selectmen increased the Training line item to \$5300. This amount increased the total budget request to \$118,400. Russell motioned to send the budget as amended to the budget committee. Leif seconded. Jennie agreed. Motion passed.

Tax Collector – The requested amount for 2024 is \$13,300. This is an increase of \$1,000 from 2024. After reviewing the budget, Russell motioned to send the budget to the budget committee as is. Leif seconded. Jennie agreed. Motion passed.

Town Clerk – The requested amount for 2024 is \$45,640. This is an increase of \$6,695 from 2023. After reviewing the budget, the Selectmen increased the Elections line item to \$9,300 and the wages to \$3,885. These amounts increased the total budget request to \$46,175. Leif motioned to send the budget as amended to the budget committee. Russell seconded. Jennie agreed. Motion passed.

Recreation Committee – The requested amount for 2024 is \$4,500. This is an increase of \$830 from 2023. After reviewing the budget, Russell motioned to send the budget to the Budget Committee as is. Leif Seconded. Jennie agreed. Motion passed.

Ambulance – The requested amount for 2024 is \$23,450 from the operating budget. This is an increase of \$100 from 2023. The amount that the Ambulance Department plans to use from the Revolving Account during 2024 is \$21,725 making the total \$45,175. After reviewing the budget, Leif motioned to send the budget to the Budget Committee as is. Russell seconded. Jennie Agreed. Motion Passed.

Planning Board – The requested amount for 2024 is \$200. This is the same as 2023. After reviewing the budget, Russell motioned to send the budget to the Budget Committee as is. Leif seconded. Jennie agreed. Motion passed.

Supervisors of the Checklist – The requested amount for 2024 is \$3,864. This is an increase of \$2,524 from 2023. After reviewing the budget, Leif motioned to send the budget to the Budget Committee as is. Russell seconded. Jennie agreed. Motion passed.

New Business

Leif reported that two new garlic beds were placed on the Library lot by FOGL without permission from the Selectboard. After some discussion, Russell said he would talk with them.

Leif reported that the Cemetery Alternate resigned.

Recycle Center Hazardous Waste – Human waste was being placed in the dumpster. This is hazardous waste and needs to be disposed of properly.

Other Business

Town Reports – Sara has offered to do the Town Reports for this year.

Leif motioned to adjourn. Russell seconded. Jennie agreed. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Hogue, Administrative Assistant