# Grafton Budget Committee

#  Meeting Minutes

#  January 5, 2022

**Members present**: Ed Grinley (Chair) and Pam Grinley.

**Also present**: Cindy Kudlik (Select Board ex-officio pro-temp (non-voting) and minute taker), George Curran and Paul Vogt

Meeting called to order by Ed Grinley at 18:02. Ed moved to approve the 12/27/21; Pam seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Pam asked to make corrections to the previously approved 12/9 and 12/13 minutes. 12/9 minutes state that Pam didn’t understand the reason for moving $8000 from the Ambulance operating budget to the Revolving Account and she does understand it, she just disagrees with it. 12/13 minutes note that she had said this budget is a 7% increase over last year and she had been in error when she told Ed that, it’s actually a 2.3% increase.

George Curran presented spreadsheets showing all income and payments made from the Library Director and Library Trustees checking accounts. He told the committee he will provide this info quarterly as requested and is happy to attend any other meetings the Budget Committee has, to answer questions if needed.

Pam presented the handout she put together for the Budget Public Hearing on January 14th and asked Ed to look it over and let her know of any corrections needed as soon as possible. There was some discussion regarding the information provided and the ease of understanding for the public. Ed stated that the Budget Committee will meet at 6:30 to go over recommendations for warrant articles, the public hearing will begin at 7pm and then the committee will continue their meeting afterward to make any budget changes needed. Cindy asked that they revise two line items in the Selectmen’s budget based on the Auditor’s fee going up to $14,000 in 2022 and the Selectmen having internet installed in the Town Hall. She also informed them of a change in the Tax Collector’s licensed software cost. Ed and Pam stated that they would address those at/after the public hearing next week.

Cindy inquired about a few budget line items that differed from the information the Selectmen have. She will follow up with Sue regarding the discrepancies. She also asked about an item in the 12/27 minutes stating that the budget committee decided to hire a minute taker at $15 per hour. After some discussion she stated she would bring the matter to the Selectmen, who have hiring and position creation authority as well as needing to increase the Executive Wages line item, should they agree to provide this service to the Budget Committee. She noted that all other town departments, with the exception of the Selectmen, have members that take their own meeting minutes.

Ed moved to adjourn the meeting at 19:22; Pam seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Kudlik