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**Grafton Budget Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**July 8, 2020**

**Members present:** Ed Grinley (Chair), Catherine Mulholland, Pam Curran, and Jennie Joyce (Select Board ex-officio)

**Also present:** Cindy Kudlik (minute taker)

Meeting called to order by Ed Grinley at 18:08.

Ed noted that about 40% of most budgets have been spent. This is better than where we're normally at half way through the year. Ed mentioned that it's good to see the Ambulance Department using Canaan much less this year.

Catherine asked if the Select Board had talked with the Welfare Director about using one source for food, such as Hannaford instead of Papa Z's/Jakes and also trying to get a good price for oil from just one company. Jennie stated that there have been ongoing communications with the Welfare Director but these things have not been implemented. Catherine noted that the Welfare Director should be having clients use the food pantry rather than giving them vouchers to buy food elsewhere.

Prebuying oil and propane for the town buildings was also discussed as a potential money saver.

Discussed whether or not there have been any savings with the new manager at the Recycle Center.

Discussed money being spent from the General Government Buildings line item. It was noted that the water testing at Kilton Pond needed to be done this summer because the state isn't doing it this year.

Ed noted that the Town Clerk budget had several thousand dollars unspent at the end of last year. This led to a discussion of the need for a doorbell at the back door of the town office so Bonnie can keep the door locked but know when someone needs entry via the handicap entrance.

While discussing the Highway Department budget it was noted that the open position isn't posted. There was also discussion about FEMA money and not knowing how or where it is spent or what is expected to come in.

It was noted that next year's budgets will be asked for in late August or early September.

Pam moved to nominate Ed for Chair; Jennie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ed adjourned the meeting at 18:55

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Kudlik