

Approved **as amended**

**Grafton Budget Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
November 17, 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 18:10. Pam moved to accept the October 28, 2020 minutes with the date typo corrected; Jennie seconded. Motion passed.

**Budgets Reviewed**

*Supervisors of the Checklist:* Catherine moved to approve the budget as proposed at \$1,020; Pam seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

*Old Home Day:* Pam moved to approve the budget as proposed at \$500; Catherine seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

*Rec Dept:* Catherine moved to approve the budget as proposed at \$3,450; Pam seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

*Cemetery:* Catherine moved to approve the budget as proposed at \$8,150 (\$1,800 Gross Basis from Perpetual Care & \$6,350 from taxes); Pam seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

*Emergency Management:* Increased \$300 from \$200 to \$500. There was some discussion regarding the large increase when nothing has been spent this year at all. Pam asked if the Selectmen approved adding a stipend for the Emergency Manager and Jennie replied that they did as he puts a lot of time and mileage in. Catherine moved to level fund the budget at \$200; no one seconded the motion. Pam moved to add the \$200 stipend to the last budget and approve it at \$400. Before there was a second to that motion Catherine moved to set the budget at \$300. There was no second to this motion, either. Ed then seconded Pam's motion to approve the budget at \$400. Motion passed unanimously.

*Recycle Center:* There was much discussion about hauling fees, wages and electricity. Pam suggested keeping hauling fees at \$2,200 as less than half of that has been spent so far this year. Ed felt that the increase in that line item was reasonable as they are making more runs than in the past. Ed stated that he would like the \$1 per hour raise for two of the employees to be approved by the Selectmen. He calculated the wages for the remainder of the year and believes it will end up being about \$36,000 this year. Also discussed whether or not having a third baler would add to the electrical bill. Pam moved to leave the Hauling Fees line item at \$2,200, lower the Supplies line item to \$4,900, and lower the Electric line item to \$3,000 for a total of \$95,000. Catherine moved to approve the budget at \$97,000; no one seconded the motion. Pam restated her motion to approve the budget at \$95,000; Jennie seconded. ~~Motion passed;~~ **Jennie and Pam voted yes, Ed and Catherine voted nay.**

*Ambulance Department:* Discussed the increases to the Radio, Training and Repairs line items as well as monies in the Capital Reserve, Revolving Account and what is tied up in CD's. Ed reiterated that the GVA needs to put a warrant article on the ballot to make the Selectmen agents to expend from the New Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund in case the ambulance breaks beyond repair and needs to be replaced. Ed stated that he felt the budgeted amount coming from the Revolving Account should be \$5,000 more than the proposed \$15,630. After some discussion about defining which line items should be earmarked Revolving Account and which should be Operating Budget and that it's too arbitrary as it is, Ed moved to approve the budget at \$20,536 from the Revolving Account and \$21,000 from the taxpayers. Catherine seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

Ed reminded everyone that the committee will meet again this Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at noon at the town hall. The next meeting after that will be Friday December 4<sup>th</sup>, also at noon at the town hall.

Catherine move to adjourn the meeting; Jennie seconded. Meeting adjourned at 19:40.

**Next meeting is scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup> at Noon at the Town Hall.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Kudlik