

**Town of Grafton
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, February 18, 2020**

Members Present: Steve Darrow, Jennie Joyce, Sue Smith (recorder)

Members Absent: Leon Dugan

Others Present: Cindy Kudlik, Tim Camerato

The meeting was called to order at 9:05am.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Jennie motioned to accept the public and non-public minutes of February 4, 2020. Steve second. Motion passed.

Selectmen Announcements:

Jennie attended the recent Fire Department meeting and informed those in attendance that she received another complaint about speed. Jennie informed the Fire Department that if she receives another complaint, she will have a representative from Primex, town's insurance company, to come and meet with the volunteers to talk about safe driving.

Steve thanked all those who participated at the deliberative session that took place on February 8th. Steve also stated that he wanted to clear up some confusion that took place during the deliberative session with regards to the back taxes owed on the meetinghouse property and the agreement between MVP and the Town. Steve reiterated the following that was published in the September 2019 newsletter : "The town will receive \$7,000 after closing upon the recording of the deed. The town will receive \$6,000 within 90 days of the closing. The town will receive \$9,000 within one year of the closing. The town will waive \$3,000 of that \$9,000 if the building is 'weatherproofed' within one year. The debt to the town will be a legally binding document in the form of a mortgage. It should be noted that the selectboard did not waive any property taxes. The tax debt from 2017, 2018 and 2019 are still due and that debt will be transferred to the new owners." Since the time of the publishing of the September 2019 newsletter, the \$7,000 and \$6,000 payments have been paid, the building was weatherproofed and the selectmen have recently waived the \$3,000. The 2019 property taxes were paid and the 2017 and 2018 property taxes are still outstanding.

Steve further pointed out that no action by the selectmen is necessary for back taxes to be carried forward on tax bills. If the 2017 and 2018 outstanding taxes have not been carried forward on MVP's 2019 tax bill, (as MVP stated during the deliberative session) it was the choice of the Tax Collector, not the selectmen.

Steve also thanked Steve Kuligoski for installing the new front door at the town office building over the past weekend.

Ex-Officio Reports: None

Public Comment:

Cindy Kudlik inquired about the recent subdivision that took place on Bullock's Crossing Rd. Steve stated that the subdivision went smoothly and uneventful.

Appointments: None

New Business:

MVP Request Follow-up – the selectmen, at their previous meeting, voted to forgive the \$3,000 of the \$9,000 still owed to the town per the agreement. The selectmen will be sending a letter to MVP to inform them of their decision.

Other Business/Correspondence:

The selectmen reviewed and signed the following:

- Current Use application – Moran Revocable Trust (Map 1 Lot 650) – Jennie motioned to approve the current use application per the recommendation of the assessor. Steve second. Motion passed.
- Veterans' Credit – Jennie motioned to approve. Steve second. Motion passed.

Public Comment: None

Final Comments from the Selectmen:

Steve commented that he emailed the Town Clerk to inform her that the selectmen will need to preview all submissions for the upcoming newsletter prior to publishing.

Jennie motioned to go into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II(e) regarding Chaise Caiden Way at 9:30am. Steve second. Motion passed.

Jennie motioned to come out of non-public session and to seal the minutes. Steve second. Motion passed.

Public session resumed at 9:35am.

Steve announced that the selectmen will be in contact with the Town's attorney.

Jennie motioned to adjourn. Steve second. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:35am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Smith, Administrative Assistant