

Town of Grafton
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, April 21, 2020
Approved as Amended

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

Others Present: Tom McGinty (conference call-in), Ed Grinley, Deb Clough

The meeting was called to order at 9am.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Cindy motioned to accept the minutes of April 7, 2020. Jennie second. Motion passed.

Selectmen Announcements:

Cindy informed the Board that she received a call regarding the letter that was sent to FoGL, MVP and the Historical Society regarding major clean-ups. A question was raised about recyclable materials and if those materials could be brought to the recycle center.

Ex-Officio Reports:

Cindy, reporting on behalf of the Cemetery Trustees, stated that the cemetery regulations were updated and the cemetery plots were raised from \$75 to \$125 per plot. A copy of the updated regulations were submitted to the Board.

Public Comment:

Deb Clough, on behalf of FoGL, inquired about the letter that was sent to FoGL, MVP and the Historical Society. She asked about the disposal of recyclable materials. *Steve stated that the town has to pay for disposing these recyclables (paper, glass, etc.).* Steve recommended that Deb compose a letter to the selectmen with details of the recyclable materials that FoGL is planning to dispose. The selectmen will wait for the letter before any further discussions/decisions are made.

Appointments: None

New Business:

TAN Authorization to Town Treasurer – The selectmen discussed the TAN and it was noted that monies have not been borrowed since 2012. In 2018, the selectmen authorized the treasurer to apply for a \$300k TAN. That TAN was not used and has since expired. After a brief discussion, Jennie motioned to authorize the treasurer to apply for TAN in the amount of \$400,000. Cindy second. Steve agreed. Motion passed.

Re-Appointment of Forest Fire Warden – Jennie motioned to re-appoint John Babiarz as Grafton's Forest Fire Warden. Cindy second. Steve agreed. Motion passed.

Mowing/Trash Removal Bids – The following bids were received for mowing and trash removal pick-up:

- Ed Grinley – Mowing of Town Offices, Rec Field, Library Properties, Town Hall - \$5900; Trash Removal Bid for Rec Field and Huff Beach - \$800
- Brewster Gove – Mowing bid for Town Common - \$2500
- Shaun Houston – Mowing of Town Offices, Rec Field, Library Properties, Town Hall, and Town Common as well as Trash Removal at Rec Field and Huff Beach - \$7950

The selectmen discussed each individual bid and made the following motion: Jennie motioned to accept Ed Grinley’s bids for mowing and trash removal. Cindy second. Steve agreed. Motion passed. Jennie motioned to accept Brewster Gove’s bid for mowing of the Town Common. No second was made. Steve will be in contact with Brewster for some clarification and a decision regarding the Town Common mowing bid will be made at the next selectmen meeting.

Other Business/Correspondence:

Abatement Applications – MVP (Map 11 Lot 1154) – Cindy motioned to accept the recommendation from the assessor and to deny the application. Jennie second. Motion passed. Parker Place LLC (Map 6 Lot 842-3) – Jennie motioned to accept the assessor’s recommendation and to approve the application. Cindy second. Motion passed. Slob City Holdings, LLC (Map 20 Lot 762) – Jennie motioned to accept the assessors recommendation and to approve the application. Cindy second. Motion passed.

Building Notification – Sanville Jr./Mogan (Map 11E Lot 828) – the building notification was approved and signed.

Intent to Cut – Gorman (Map 1 Lot 87) – approved and signed

Charitable Property Exemption Applications – MVP – Jennie motioned to accept the recommendation from the assessor and to deny the application. Cindy second. Motion passed. New England Forestry Foundation – Jennie motioned to accept the recommendation from the assessor and to deny the application. Cindy second. Motion passed.

Elderly Exemption Application – The application was approved and signed.

Veterans’ Credit Applications – There were two applications submitted; both were approved and signed.

The selectmen reviewed and discussed the following correspondence:

- Letter from the Tax Collector regarding a tax payment agreement that was made in June 2019.
- Approval for Construction – Map 16 Lot 211
- Letter from Primex regarding Final FY 2021 Property & Liability Program Renewal.

Public Comment:

Tom McGinty inquired about a junkyard letter that was sent to Vulkan Metals, LLC. This letter was sent a couple of years ago and Mr. McGinty wanted to know if the selectmen followed up on that letter. Steve stated that the property owner did contact the selectmen and stated that the junk was not his property but it belonged to those who lived on the property. No other follow-up has been made. The selectmen will revisit this issue.

Cindy Kudlik, as a property owner, inquired about the property abatement application process. After a brief conversation, the selectmen felt the questions should go directly to the assessor. Arrangements will be made between the selectmen office and the assessor.

Final Comments from Selectmen:

Steve stated that he would like to draft a letter to the Library Trustees and the Friends of Grafton Library stating that the selectmen are not going to approve any construction of a new building this year. The selectmen will discuss this further at a future meeting.

Jennie motioned to adjourn. Cindy second. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:40am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Smith, Administrative Assistant