

**Town of Grafton
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, May 5, 2020**

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

Others Present: John Babiarz, Dotty Campbell, Elaina Bergamini, Susan Jukosky, Judith Kushner, Tom McGinty

The meeting was called to order at 9am.

TAN Loan Signatures:

The selectmen and Dotty Campbell, Treasurer, signed the TAN Loan documents with John Babiarz notarizing the signatures.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Cindy motioned to accept the minutes of April 21, 2020 as amended. Jennie second. Motion passed.

Selectmen Announcements: None

Ex-Officio Reports: None

Public Comment: None

Appointments:

Elaina Bergamini, representative from MVP, met with the selectmen regarding the non-profit status for charitable exemption which was denied on April 21, 2020. Elaina presented the selectmen with an addendum to the application and would like to have an open dialogue about the exemption application before a decision is made. Steve clarified that the selectmen didn't deny the non-profit status; the denial was for the charitable exemption. Steve also stated that having an open dialogue is not a bad thing but it won't necessarily change the decision that was made on April 21, 2020. The selectmen will review the addendum and a decision will be made during the May 19, 2020 meeting.

New Business:

Grafton Historical Society – The selectmen reviewed and discussed the charitable exemption application that was submitted by the Grafton Historical Society for the carding-mill located on Turnpike Rd. Steve stated that the selectmen should deny the application per the 2015 recommendation by the assessor. Jennie agreed with Steve's statement. Jennie also made a recommendation that the Historical Society sell the Carding Mill. Cindy stated that tax exemption should not be given to any organization until projects are completed and open to the public. Jennie motioned to deny the charitable exemption of the Carding Mill. Cindy second. Steve agreed. Motion passed.

Dog Licenses: The selectmen briefly discussed the late fee that will be applied to those who have not renewed dog licenses due to the rabies clinic being canceled. The discussion was tabled and will be addressed when the dog license forfeiture is presented for signatures.

Junkyard Follow-up - Steve informed Jennie and Cindy that he visited 17 Johnson Lane to view the multitude of tires and to talk with the property owner. The owner informed Steve that he has no intention of moving the tires. There are a couple more property owners that received the junkyard letter in 2018. Cindy stated that she visited these properties and a few of them will need follow-up letters. Cindy also stated that she spoke with Russell about these properties and Russell recommended that the Town appoint a Health Officer. Russell was a temporary Health Officer but a permanent one needs to be appointed. Cindy will look at other Towns to find out what their Health Officers oversee.

Town Common Mowing/Trimming Follow-up – Steve spoke with Brewster about the bid that was presented. The Highway Department has since cleaned up the winter sand that was on/around the Town Common. Steve will be in contact with Brewster again about the bid now that the clean-up has been completed. No decisions were made.

Other Business/Correspondence:

The selectmen reviewed and discussed the following abatement applications:

- Andrew/Sullivan (Map 11 Lot 1013) – Jennie motioned to table the decision in order to review the DRA findings. Cindy second. Motion passed.
- Connor/Kahkonen (Map 12 Lot 186) - Tabled for further information.
- Clendennin (Map 16D Lot 826) – Tabled for further information.

Current Use Applications – Selleck (Map 11 Lot 531) and Cabral (Map 17 Lot 248) – both applications were approved and signed by the selectmen.

Intents to Excavate – Green Oak Realty Dev (Map 17 Lot 852 and Map 12 Lot 938) – approved and signed by the selectmen.

The selectmen reviewed and discussed the following correspondence:

- Approval of Operation – Map 11E Lot 161
- State Application for Driveway Permit – Map 6 Lot 84
- NH DRA 2019 Total Equalized Valuations
- Email from Town of Wilmot regarding perambulation of the Wilmot/Grafton boundaries. The Wilmot Land-Use Clerk will be contacted to set up a time.
- Email from the Town Clerk regarding her decision to continue with the newsletter.

Public Comment: None

Final Comments from the Selectmen: None

Cindy motioned to adjourn. Jennie second. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:42am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Smith, Administrative Assistant