

**Town of Grafton  
Board of Selectmen  
Tuesday, May 19, 2020**

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

**Others Present:** Bruce Sunnerberg, Bob Bassett, Ed Grinley, Brad Grange, Elaina Bergamini, Susan Jukosky, Tom McGinty, Tim Bowen

The meeting was called to order at 9:03am.

**Acceptance of Minutes:**

Cindy motioned to accept the minutes of May 5, 2020. Jennie second. Motion passed.

**Selectmen Announcements:**

Cindy informed the Board that seven junkyard letters were mailed; June 15<sup>th</sup> is the given deadline for these properties to be cleaned up. Cindy also stated that she drove around town to view previous cited properties.

**Ex-Officio Reports:** None

**Public Comment:**

Sue Jukosky, referring to Cindy's statement, commented to possibly having a 'Clean-up Grafton Day'.

Elaina Bergamini, commenting as a representative from FoGL, inquired about a statement Steve made during the April 21, 2020 meeting. Elaina wanted to know why FoGL was not part of the conversation about the Selectmen not approving any construction of a new building on the Library Rd property this year. Steve stated that there was no discussion, it was only a comment he made at the end of the meeting. Steve informed Elaina that he will be sharing a letter with the Board members toward the end of today's meeting regarding his statement from April 21, 2020.

Brad Grange commented about junkyards and wanted to know what constitutes a junkyard. Cindy read the following from the Junkyard Ordinance: "old ropes, rags, batteries, paper, trash, rubber debris, waste, or junked, dismantled, or wrecked motor vehicles, or parts thereof."

**Appointments:**

Elaina Bergamini met with the selectmen to revisit the Charitable Exemption application from MVP. Steve informed Elaina that he emailed the addendum to the assessor for review. Steve and the assessor spoke on the phone about the addendum and the assessor stayed with his original recommendation to deny the exemption. Elaina spoke about the future plans of the meeting house and other properties that MVP owns in Grafton. Jennie stated that at this time, the selectmen should stay with the assessor's recommendation. Both Cindy and Steve agreed.

The non-public session will take place later in the meeting.

**New Business:**

CARES ACT Grant Application – Cindy informed the Board about reimbursements that the Town is able to receive. According to the CARES ACT, Grafton is able to receive up to \$32,395. There are three time periods that the reimbursements cover: 1) March 1 – April 30; 2) May 1; 3) June 1. So far the reimbursement amount to be submitted is around \$2,000. After a brief discussion, the selectmen signed the grant application and reimbursement request form.

Tire and Demo Price Increase – Bob Bassett informed the selectmen that Bob’s Tires will be increasing their prices effective June 1<sup>st</sup>. Bob and the selectmen reviewed the Town’s current tire fees with the updated list from Bob’s Tires. The increases are as follows:

- Tires up to 19” from \$2ea to \$2.25 ea (with dirt/debris \$3.25ea)
- Tires over 19” from \$6ea to \$12.50ea (with dirt/debris \$18.50ea)
- Loader Tires – Bias Ply - \$105ea
- Loader Tires – Radial - \$205ea
- Bicycle and Motorcycle Tires \$1.75ea (this is a new category)

After a brief discussion, it was decided to post a public hearing for tire fee increases for Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at the Town Hall. The public hearing will take place during the selectmen meeting.

Hauler Licenses revisited – The selectmen and Bob reviewed and discussed the original letter to be issued to commercial haulers/haulers for profit. The original letter was to be issued to 4 individuals in March 2020 with a deadline to obtain a haulers license by the end of April at no cost to the hauler. Cindy recommended sending the original letter to the 4 individuals; excluding the deadline. There was more discussion about whether this was a town issue or a DES issue. After further discussion, both Jennie and Steve felt it was a DES issue and the letter will not be sent to the haulers. At this time Bob left the meeting.

**Other Business/Correspondence:**

Abatement Applications revisited: Andrew/Sullivan (Map 11 Lot 1013); Connor/Kahkonen (Map 12 Lot 186); Clendennin (Map 16D Lot 826) – Cindy motioned to approve all three abatement applications per the recommendation from the assessor. Jennie second. Steve agreed. Motion passed.

Abatement Application – Webster (Map 11 Lot 180-4) – Cindy motioned to approve the application per the recommendation from the assessor. Jennie second. Steve agreed. Motion passed.

Solar Energy Systems Exemptions Applications – Forshee (Map 17 Lot 1074), Mather (Map 15 Lot 1063), Clough (Map 20 Lot 624), Ward (Map 5 Lot 932), Waples (Map 11 Lot 269-1), Isley (Map 6 Lot 575-11), Judd (Map 6 Lot 456-5), Burton (Map 16 Lot 257), Bjorklund (Map 16 Lot 183), Cook (Map 14 Lot 137) – Cindy motioned to approve all the applications per the recommendation from the assessor. Jennie second. Steve agreed. Motion passed.

Timber Tax Warrant- Chase (Map 11 Lots 1053 & 134) – the selectmen signed the tax warrant.

The selectmen reviewed and discussed the following correspondence:

- Approval for Construction – Map 14 Lot 823
- Letter from Tasco Security regarding a \$5 per month fee increase.
- Grafton County Commissioners' proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget

**Final Comments from the Selectmen:**

Steve read a draft letter that he would like the selectmen to give to the Library Trustees. Cindy stated that she was not ready to sign the letter. Steve mentioned that he will be attending the Library Trustee meeting later this week and will reiterate what he read here today.

Steve spoke with Brewster about mowing the Town Common. Brewster stated that he would do the mowing for \$1750. After a brief discussion, Jennie stated that the bidding next year needs to change. Jennie motioned to give Brewster \$1750 and next year to change the bidding process. Cindy second. Steve agreed. Motion passed.

**Public Comment:**

Bob returned to the meeting and submitted his resignation as the manger/overseer of the Grafton Recycle Center. Jennie motioned to accept the resignation. Cindy second. Steve agreed. Motion passed.

Tom McGinty commented that he will be sending an email to the selectmen regarding junkyard licensing.

Cindy motioned to go into non-public session with Tim Bowen in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II(c) regarding taxes at 10:56am. Jennie second. Motion passed.

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

Public session resumed at 11am.

Steve announced that no decisions were made.

Jennie motioned to adjourn. Cindy second. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Smith, Administrative Assistant