

**Town of Grafton
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, June 5, 2018**

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

Others Present: John Babiarz, Albert Bassett, Maureen O'Reilly, Tom McGinty, and Joyce Truman (arrived at 7:15pm)

The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Leon motioned to accept the minutes of May 15, 2018. Steve seconded. Motion passed.

Selectmen Announcements:

Leon announced that Bob is on light duty due to his injured ankle and the other full-time employee of the road crew is keeping up with raking the roads and cleaning up brush.

Leon also mentioned that he received a complaint from an Enfield resident regarding the Grafton PD Cruiser that was seen speeding down Lockhaven Rd, Enfield on May 30th after 11pm without the blue lights on. Leon stated that he spoke with Chief Poitras about the complaint.

Ex-Officio Reports:

Steve stated that he attended the Library Trustees meeting that was held on May 30, 2018. The meeting was to decide whether or not to move the library. The consensus from the meeting was to move the library. Steve also stated that the Library Trustees will be presenting numbers to the Board of Selectmen as a future selectmen meeting.

Public Comment:

Maureen O'Reilly made a complaint about a neighbor target shooting at night, after 10pm. Maureen stated that she already spoke to Chief Poitras about the shooting. Maureen inquired if the Town has a noise ordinance. The Board stated that the Town does not, but there is a State ordinance.

Albert Bassett made complaints about the Grafton Police being in Canaan (Papa Z's eating a meal and at Canaan Hardware) and Enfield (Enfield Pizza eating lunch). Mr. Bassett also made a complaint about the State Police and Canaan Police being present in Grafton (Sargent Hill Rd/Main Street). Mr. Bassett stated that he does not want Canaan Police in Grafton or Grafton Police in Canaan. Jennie informed Mr. Bassett that mutual aid has been in place for years and it will stay that way. She also stated that the police do have lunch breaks. Jennie will ask Chief Poitras to contact Mr. Bassett about the complaints.

Appointments:

Gretchen Renee was scheduled to meet with the selectmen but did not appear for the appointment.

New Business: None

Other Business/Correspondence:

The Board reviewed and discussed the following from the action item list:

- The following update was given about the junkyard letters that were sent: Property owner of 771 Main St gave the renters until June 6th to clean up the yard. The property owner will be giving an eviction notice due to the mess and asked for an extension to clean up the yard; a letter was mailed to 21 Beard Lane and has yet to receive the confirmation that the property owner received the letter.
- The Town Hall bathroom sink is leaking and two chairs need to be fixed. Nick's Plumbing and Heating will be contacted about the sink. Steve stated that if the chairs are broken, to just throw them away.
- Pine Grove Cemetery fence (left side) needs to be repaired and painted. The Cemetery Trustees will be contacted.
- Huff Beach has a picnic table that is damaged, no portable toilet or trash barrel. Two chairs and a bench were in the water. Jennie informed the Board that the sand needs to be flattened to prevent accidents. Jennie suggested that the Board should have this fixed in the Fall.
- The replacement of the front steps at the Town Office was put on hold due to Bob's injury. The Board discussed hiring someone to do these types of repairs instead of relying on the Road Agent, Fire Chief or Police Chief.

The Board reviewed and signed the following:

- Abatement Application – Frothingham (Map 20 Lot 51-1). Leon motioned to go with the recommendation from Avitar Associates to deny the abatement application. Steve second. Jennie was in agreement. Motion passed.
- Timber Tax Warrant – Judd (Map 11 Lot 313) and Cook, Co-Trustee (Map 15 Lots 801 and 1165) signed.

The Board reviewed and discussed the following correspondence:

- Letter of resignation from Adam Franz, Library Trustee. Steve motioned to accept with regret the resignation of Adam Franz. Leon second. Jennie was in agreement. Motion passed.
- Email from Mary Ignacio asking if the Town would supply paint and wood to fix the riding arena. She also asked if it would be possible to have the riding arena yolk raked once a month. The Board agreed to supply the paint and wood to fix the riding arena, but do not have the resources to have the riding arena yolk raked once a month. The Board will inform Mary of the decision.
- Email from Ginger Pierro requesting use of the Rec Field for a Fire and Ice (peace rally and art festival) for a weekend in August. After a brief discussion, the Board respectfully declined the request based on lack of resources and facilities to accommodate the event.
- Letter from Karen Borgstrom re: Estate of Lawrence Heath. Ms. Borgstrom asked for a stay on property taxes and to waive interest. After a brief discussion the Board made the decision to decline the request as they cannot legally waive interest.
- Approval for Operation – Map 6 Lot 575-14
- Letter from Tony Stelik of Vulkan Metals, LLC re: junkyard letter. Mr. Stelik informed the Board that the vehicles will be removed from the property by July 31st.

- Letter from the Library Trustees re: the handicap ramp for current library. The Trustees inquired as to who is exactly requiring the ramp and what law states it is necessary and if it needs to be ADA compliant. The Board and John Babiarz concurred that it is a basic labor violation by not having the ramp. Both the selectmen and safety committee has been generous with the time frame (2+ years) to put the ramp in place. Leon stated that the library should be shut down until the ramp is in place. Jennie stated that the library trustees need to comply for the sake of their employees. Steve stated that he has always been supportive of the library but the issue with the ramp not being placed is concerning. The Board agreed that waiting for more than 2yrs for the ramp to be placed is long enough. Jennie made the recommendation to give the Library 10 days to comply (June 6 – 16th) or the Fire Chief will be directed to close down the library. Steve motioned to accept Jennie’s recommendation. Leon seconded. Jennie was in agreement. Motion passed. A letter will be emailed to the library trustees informing them of the 10 days to comply.

Public Comment:

Joyce Truman inquired about using the riding arena and if the email from Mary Ignacio was received. The Board informed Joyce about the decision of providing the paint and boards for repairs but stated that the Town could not do the work due to lack of resources. Joyce stated that having a safe place for riding horses is her main concern. She also stated that there were only a couple of boards that need to be replaced. Steve volunteered to go a look at the arena to see what supplies will be needed.

Final Comments from Selectmen:

Jennie informed the Board that there is a FEMA meeting tomorrow morning at 9am at the Fire Station.

Leon motioned to adjourn. Steve seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Smith, Administrative Assistant