

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

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

Others Present: Deb Clough, Ken Sherwood, Ed Grinley, Phyllis Averine, Tom McGinty, Teresa and George Devlin

The meeting was called to order at 9am.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Cindy motioned to accept the public and non-public minutes of August 4, 2020. Jennie seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Selectmen Announcements:

Steve commented that the outdoor sign is coming along and the letters will be ordered soon. Steve also mentioned that the Town Office sign needs some touch up paint and the posts need to be painted. The front door of the town office building should be painted and inquired as to what color it should be. Jennie commented to keep the door white.

Cindy informed the board that the State will reimburse 80% of the costs incurred for absentee ballot processing for the State Primary. There is a small window of opportunity after the election to submit the paperwork for reimbursement.

Cindy was approached by Jeanne Williamson of Brock Hill Rd to extend a thank you to Jason Joyce and Travis Gallup for helping with her generator after a storm.

Ex-Officio Reports:

Cindy attended the Grafton Volunteer Ambulance meeting on August 11, 2020. During that meeting an election of the following officers was held: Captain and Supply Officer. Kathy Lund was voted as the new Captain and Heather Hunter was voted as the new Supply Officer. The fire station will be cleaned on Monday prior to the State Primary. The gym equipment will be removed, however it was requested that it be returned for the volunteers to use. According to Primex, the Town has to accept the gym equipment as a donation in order for it to be covered by insurance. Cindy will be following up with Primex about the Town renting the equipment.

Public Comment:

Ed Grinley inquired about the tires on Hardy Hill Rd and if there was any update. At this time it appears nothing has changed.

Teresa Devlin commented that that a beaver dam is in the Millbrook River and inquired how to get rid of the beavers. Steve stated that a trapper can be hired to remedy the situation.

Ken Sherwood commented that there has been no change on the Beard Lane property. Cindy stated that she did take recent pictures of the property and presented them to the board. It was decided by the Board to have Russell get involved and take the matter to District Court.

Tom McGinty informed the Board that his neighbor has blocked the right of way access to Tom's property.

Appointments:

Jon Bautel was unable to attend his appointment.

Deb Clough, Friends of Grafton Library member, informed the Board of the upcoming events that the Friends group will be hosting. The events are as follows:

- Back to School Tie Dye – Saturday, August 22, 2020 at the Town Hall
- Garlic Festival – Saturday, October 10, 2020 – There will not be a soup or pie contest this year. There will only be one soup to be served as well as individual pies for sale.
- Pumpkin Caring – Saturday, October 24, 2020 at the Town Hall

New Business:

Huff Beach – Steve stated that there were a few items that needed to be discussed about Huff Beach. Those items are as follows:

- Jerome Kramer contacted Steve asking for permission to build a bench for Huff Beach. Jennie said that it was a good idea and to give the go ahead to Jerome. Both Steve and Cindy agreed.
- Beach Testing – DES is not doing it this year and Steve would like to have the testing done. Horizons Engineering will be contacted to see if they would be interested in conducting the test.
- A request to rope off some of the pond from the pontoon boats has been an ongoing issue. A solution was proposed by Phyllis Averine to place a sign stating “no parking on the beach” be posted. After a brief discussion the selectmen would like the sign to read “boat parking” with an arrow pointing to a designated area.

MVRSD Letter revisited – Steve stated he has not had a chance to re-write the letter but will have a draft ready for the next selectmen meeting.

Other Business/Correspondence:

Building Notification – Pittman (Map 15C Lot 36) – tabled for further information from the Health Officer.

The Selectmen reviewed and discussed the following correspondence:

- Approval for Construction – Map 12 Lot 1027
- Letter from the Selectmen Office re: the budget planning process for 2021
- Email, with attachment, from NHDES re: 47 Sargent Hill Rd

Public Comment:

Ed Grinley commented about the light that is on 24 hours a day at the Town Office and inquired if it would be turned off. The selectmen will contact an electrician to see what can be done.

Final Comments from the Selectmen:

Jennie commented on the following:

- Reminded the Board about the Halford property and would like to see a resolution to the situation.
- Inquired if a container was ordered for the Recycle Center. Steve stated that it had been and it will replace the one that is currently being used for the furniture.
- A possible baler might be for sale from one of the stores that is closing in Lebanon.

Cindy commented that Friends of Grafton Library is currently storing items in the Pole Barn, along with other organizations and town departments. She was approached by a member of the FoGL with concerns that they had to get their items out of the barn because it was being torn down for the new office building to be constructed in its place. Steve stated that no plans have been made for the pole barn to come down and if someone wants to repair it, the selectmen would be interested in seeing their bids.

Steve would like to have letters sent out to area assessors to bid on the next assessing contract. Both Jennie and Cindy agreed.

Jennie motioned to adjourn. Cindy second. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:17am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Smith, Administrative Assistant