

**Town of Grafton  
Board of Selectmen  
Tuesday, September 15, 2020**

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

**Others Present:** Gary Whitney, William Robinson, Ed Grinley, Tom McGinty

The meeting was called to order at 9am.

**Acceptance of Minutes:**

Jennie motioned to accept the public and two sets of non-public minutes from September 1, 2020. Cindy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Selectmen Announcements:**

Steve thanked all those who worked on the Primary Elections. The process was well planned and the day went smoothly.

Steve also stated that a volunteer has stepped up to resume Huff Beach testing.

Cindy commented that the Moderator spent 7 hours cleaning the fire station prior to the Primary Election; preparing the fire station for any election should not take that long. Cindy would like to see if it would be possible to move future elections to a different location such as Millbrook Church where the annual deliberative session is held.

Cindy contacted the Public Utility Commission regarding a commitment that was made about bringing in broadband to the area. According to the PUC, when the merger between Fairpoint Communications and Consolidated Communications happened, the commitments that were made have since long expired. Cindy was told that in Spring 2020, cable providers agreed to provide broadband to students. Cindy would like to see a committee formed by those who were in attendance at the previous selectmen meeting to study the possibility of the Town in getting broadband.

Cindy informed the board that the virtual budget workshop is being held next Thursday, September 24, 2020 from 9am to 4pm. There are a few people who will be attending the workshop at the town office and Cindy would like to have the office closed to the public that day. Both Steve and Jennie agreed to the closure of the Town Office.

Cindy informed the board that she received a complaint that Slab City Motorsports is using the dry hydrant on Prescott Hill Rd for their events. After a brief discussion, Steve stated that a letter to cease and desist will not be sent unless Slab City Motorsports is actually using the dry hydrant.

**Ex-Officio Reports:** None

**Public Comment:**

Gary Whitney inquired as to why the school district is not involved in making sure that all the students have access to broadband.

Tom McGinty commented that he would be interested in being part of the committee regarding broadband.

Tom stated that he has filed court documents regarding the fire that took place a few months ago. He also inquired if there were any updates about the violation of the junkyard ordinance. Cindy commented that she will follow-up with the health officer.

**Appointments:** None

**New Business:**

Wild Meadows Road Culvert #2 Replacement – The selectmen reviewed contract amendment #1 for the Wild Meadows Road Culvert #2 Replacement. After a brief discussion, Cindy motioned to accept the contract. Jennie second. Motion passed. Steve signed the contract on behalf of the selectmen.

MVP Final Mortgage Payment – The selectmen will send a letter to MVP to remind them about the final payment of \$6,000 that was due September 11, 2020. The selectmen will be giving MVP until Thursday, October 1, 2020 to make the final payment.

2021 Budget Review – The selectmen reviewed and discussed the following requests:

- Recreation Committee – 2021 requested amount: \$3,450; same amount requested for 2020. After a brief discussion, Cindy motioned to pass the budget request as is to the budget committee. Jennie second. Motion passed.
- Old Home Day – 2021 requested amount: \$500; same amount requested for 2020. Jennie motioned to pass the budget request as is to the budget committee. Cindy second. Motion passed.
- Cemetery Trustees – 2021 requested amount: \$8,150 (Operating Budget: \$6,350 Gross Basis: \$1,800). This request is up \$250 from the 2020 budget. The increase is reflected in the Stone Resetting line item. Jennie motioned to pass the budget as is to the budget committee. Steve second. Motion passed.

**Other Business/Correspondence:**

Culvert revisited – Ed Grinley is asking for \$114 from the Town for a culvert that he replaced last year. According to Ed, the previous road agent replaced a culvert at the end of Ed's driveway and did it incorrectly. Ed had to replace it and would like to be reimbursed the cost of the culvert. Cindy stated that she looked at the driveway application and it states the homeowner is liable for the culvert, not the town. She also asked why this was not brought up during a selectmen meeting last year. Ed stated that it was but the selectmen did not give an answer. Cindy informed Ed that she would like to see a bill before considering the reimbursement. Steve recommended that Ed submit a bill.

Building Notification – Kenyon (Map 16 Lot 771 ) - tabled for further information. Reiher (Map 11E Lot 497) – approved and signed.

Land Use Change Tax Warrant – Lynn (Map 1 Lot 108-1) signed.

The Board reviewed and discussed the following correspondence:

- Public Hearing Notice from HealthTrust for setting the coverage rates for 2021
- Approval for Construction – Map 6 Lot 457

**Public Comment:**

Ed commented that he saw the Town pick-up truck in Canaan after hours.

**Final Comments from the Selectmen:**

Cindy commented that the Board should review and update the Welfare Guidelines.

Cindy commented on a recent reimbursement for materials to repair the cracked floors in the Fire Station that was paid to John Babiarz. Cindy also commented that there were allegedly mice in the Town Clerk's office and that it may be due to the Police Department having food or needing cleaning

Cindy motioned to go into non-public session with Sue Smith in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II(a) regarding a personnel review at 10:06am.

Cindy motioned to come out of non-public session. Jennie second. Motion passed.

Public session resumed at 10:27am.

Steve announced that the administrative assistant received a pay increase and the office hours changed to the following: Monday through Thursday 8am to 4:30pm and Fridays 8am -12pm with the option to remain at work if needed on Friday afternoons.

Cindy motioned to adjourn. Jennie second. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:27am

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Smith, Administrative Assistant