

**Town of Grafton
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, September 18, 2018**

Members Present: Jennie Joyce, Chairman, Steve Darrow, Leon Dugan (arrived at 6:45pm), Sue Smith (recorder)

Others Present: John and Rosalie Babiarz, Maureen O'Reilly, Deb Black, Catherine Mulholland, Bob Bassett

Meeting called to order at 6pm.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Steve motioned to accept the public minutes and two sets of non-public minutes from September 4, 2018. Jennie seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Steve motioned to accept the non-public minutes of September 5, 2018. Jennie seconded. Motion passed.

Selectmen Announcements:

Jennie stated that she attended the meeting with DOT and DES re: 1258 Main Street. The meeting was to discuss whether or not the property owner was in violation of any wetland and/or shore-land protection acts. According to DES, the property owner is not in any violation and a follow-up letter will be sent to the Town.

Steve stated that he attended the absolute auction that took place on Saturday, September 15, 2018. There were about 40 people that attended and all five properties sold.

Ex-Officio Reports: None

Public Comment:

Deb Black inquired if the selectmen would have an informational meeting with the owners of Slab City Motorsports, LLC to find out what main plans are for that property. Steve stated that it would be a good idea to have the property owners meet with the Board as an appointment in a regular meeting setting instead of an informational meeting with the public.

Maureen O'Reilly inquired if the selectmen would look into putting a noise ordinance in place prior to Slab City Motorsports starts having events.

John Babiarz commented that the Board should hear from the property owners of Slab City Motorsports before making any ordinance decisions.

The Board will be in contact with the property owners to invite them to a future selectmen meeting.

Appointments: None

New Business:

Acceptance of Grafton Hazard Mitigation Plan – Steve motioned to sign and accept the 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Town of Grafton. Jennie seconded the motion. Motion passed. Jennie, Steve and John Babiarz signed the acceptance papers with Rosalie Babiarz notarizing.

Fire Station Heating System RFP's – One RFP for the Fire Station Heating System and a separate quote for a hot water heater was received from Inov8v Energy. The proposed amount for the heating system, including labor was \$13,343.40. Included in the RFP was the option to upgrade the boiler to mid-range (\$999 increase to proposal) or high-range (\$1563 increase to proposal). The hot water heater proposed amount including labor was \$2308. After a brief discussion, Steve motioned to accept the proposal from Inov8v Energy and to upgrade to the mid-range boiler and to purchase the hot water tank. Jennie seconded the motion. Motion passed. John Babiarz inquired if the Town should purchase a propane tank, as this would allow the Town to use any vendor in the future. After a brief discussion, the selectmen stated that at this time the Town will continue to use Dead River for propane.

Agreement with George E. Sansoucy – Steve motioned to accept the agreement with George E. Sansoucy, the appraiser that will be used during the Eversource abatement appeals. Jennie second. Motion passed. The Board signed the agreement.

Library Yard Sale Items stored in the Pole Barn – The Board discussed the issue of yard sale items being stored in the pole barn. The items are getting damaged by the weather and starting to take up room. The Board will be sending a letter to the Library Trustees requesting them to start storing items from Library sponsored events in the Library basement.

Leon Dugan arrived at 6:45pm.

2019 Budget Review – the Board reviewed the following budgets:

- Supervisors of the Checklist – requested budget for 2019 - \$1930. This is a decrease of \$1229 from the 2018 budget. The decrease is due to having one election in 2019. After a brief review, the selectmen made the decision to pass the proposed budget to the Budget Committee as is.
- Planning Board – requested budget of 2019 - \$300. This is a decrease of \$75 from the 2018 budget. After a brief review, the selectmen made the decision to pass the proposed budget to the Budget Committee as is.

Quitclaim Deed – The selectmen signed quitclaim deeds for Map 15 Lot 1189 and Map 15 Lot 275-2. John Babiarz notarized the signatures.

Other Business/Correspondence:

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

- Steve stated that he inspected the raft at Huff Beach. The raft is anchored and the ladder was reattached to the raft.
- Steve stated that he spoke with Bob about outdoor sign. Bob informed Steve that he can get the material but needs some help with project. Steve said that he would volunteer to help Bob with the outdoor sign. There was a brief discussion about looking into alternative signs. Steve will contact the Town of Danbury about their electronic sign.

- No updates about Canaan F.A.S.T. from Mike Sampson.

The Board reviewed and discussed the following correspondence:

- Letter from NH Division of Historical Resources re: the East Grafton Parsonage (revisited). Steve feels the selectmen should decline the offer as there are several municipal owned properties that are in need of repair. Adding this property to the list would not be cost effective to the Town. Leon stated that he agreed with Steve's comments. After a brief discussion, the selectmen decided to decline the offer of registering the East Grafton Parsonage with the NH State Register of Historic Places.
- Letter from NHDES regarding the April 2018 Data Submittal prepared by Horizon's Engineering Inc. The selectmen will be in contact with Horizon's Engineering regarding the letter and report.
- HealthTrust public hearing notice on September 27, 2018.
- Approvals for Construction – Map 11E Lot 497 and Map 11A Lot 939
- Letter and final results from NHDRA re: 2017 cyclical review.
- Letter from NH DOS re: Proposed Re-adoption of NH Admin. Rule Saf-C 5900, Emergency Medical Services Rules
- Email from Zachary Williams re: FCC's Mobility Fund

Public Comment:

Catherine Mulholland informed the Board that the Library Trustees had to increase the amount owed to the contractor with regards to the handicap ramp. The increase is just over \$1000.

Bob informed the Board that he has a wetland permit estimate for the stone culvert and will be adding the amount to his budget request for 2019. Bob also stated that he needs to increase the fuel line item in his budget as this year's line item is already over by \$1000. Finally, Bob inquired about raises for 2019 for himself, as this upcoming year is an election year, as well as for his employees. Jennie stated that if Bob feels people need raises, to go ahead and give them. Wages need to increase to get qualified people.

Maureen O'Reilly commented that a group in Town would like to decorate the pine tree located on the Town Common for the Christmas season. Maureen inquired if the Town would be willing to pay for the lights that will be placed on the tree. Jennie stated that the Board will need to see estimates prior to making any decisions.

Final Comments from the Selectmen:

Jennie stated that the Board is working with the attorney regarding the Peaceful Assembly Church property.

Leon motioned to adjourn. Steve second. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Smith, Administrative Assistant