

**Town of Grafton
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, December 4, 2018**

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

Members Absent: Leon Dugan

Others Present: Maureen O'Reilly, Sandra Griffin, John Babiarz

The meeting was called to order at 6:40pm

Jennie asked Steve to be acting chair for tonight's meeting.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Jennie motioned to accept the minutes of November 20, 2018. Steve second. Motion passed.

Selectmen Announcements:

Jennie announced that the Budget Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 12pm at the Town Hall.

Ex-Officio Reports: None

Public Comment:

Maureen O'Reilly commented that she missed the previous meeting and inquired about whether or not the Board had made the decision regarding purchasing Christmas Lights for the tree on the Town Common. Steve stated that the Board discussed the issue and made the decision to not purchase the lights. Steve informed Maureen that Cheryl Senter started a Go-Fund-Me page to raise monies for the lights. He also mentioned that the Go-Fund-Me page stated that they wanted to light up the church building directly across the street from the tree, which is not a good idea as the Town does not own the church building and it should be left as is.

Maureen inquired if it would be possible to flood the library property for an ice-skating rink. Steve commented that maintaining the ice-rink could be a problem. He also stated that even though the Town owns the property, it is to be used for Library purposes. Steve recommended that Maureen come up with a written plan and to talk with the Library Trustees.

Appointments: None

New Business:

Steve stated that the selectmen met with Town Council prior to tonight's meeting and they discussed hiring a structural engineer to look at the outside of the PAC building from town owned property. After a brief discussion, Jennie motioned to hire Tim Schaal to look at the outside of the PAC building per the recommendation of Town Council. Steve second. Motion passed.

Steve stated that the Board was informed of an issue with the entrance to the Town Hall. The interior corner of the entrance is not sealed. After a brief discussion, Steve stated that the selectmen will need to find someone in the spring to do some outside work on the building. Sandra stated that she can make a temporary fix until that time. Steve thanked Sandra for volunteering her time.

Other Business/Correspondence:

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

- Steve stated that he went to the Danbury Town Office to look at the electronic sign. He stated that he would rather fix the outdoor sign that the Town of Grafton currently has instead of purchasing an electronic sign.

Abatement Application – Foley, Jr. (Map 11A Lot 628) – Jennie motioned to accept the recommendation from the assessor and to approve the abatement application. Steve second. Motion passed.

Timber Tax Warrant – Frothingham (Map 19 Lot 51, Map 20 Lots 51-1 and 228-1) – signed.

The Board reviewed and discussed the following correspondence:

- Email from Mark and Dorothy Accomando thanking the Highway Department for doing a great job in keeping the roads plowed during the past couple of storms.
- Letter from Janet and John Sullivan re: the 11/27/18 snow storm. They stated that Lower Meadow Road was not cleared beyond the bridge due to a fallen tree and that Razor Hill Excavating could not get to their driveway until late Tuesday night. John Babiarz informed the Board that Lower Meadow Road was plowed as he was able to get to their driveway on Tuesday night and was able to turn around. John also informed the Board that this storm was difficult due to the fact that trees would be cleared out, roads would get plowed and then trees would fall again.

Public Comment:

Maureen inquired if there was an update regarding Gretchen Renee and the drawings. Steve stated that the Board wants to try to resolve the matter in an amicable way.

Final Comments from the Board: None

Jennie motioned to adjourn. Steve second. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Smith, Administrative Assistant