

**Town of Grafton
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, April 16, 2019**

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

Others Present: Ed Grinley, Paul Vogt, Denise Smith, Catherine Mulholland, Maureen O'Reilly

The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Steve motioned to accept the public and non-public minutes of April 2, 2019. Jennie seconded both sets of minutes. Motion passed.

Selectmen Announcements:

Steve updated the Board about his meeting with Bruce Sunnerberg at the E. Grafton Parsonage and Carding Mill that took place on April 5, 2019. He informed the Board that he toured the interior of the parsonage and had to walk on the outer edges of the floors. The basement did have water but it was iced over at the time of the tour. Steve commented that when the Board reviews the leases that he would like to see the parsonage separated from the E. Grafton Church lease.

Ex-Officio Reports:

Jennie informed the Board that the Budget Committee met yesterday and a chairman was selected. The committee reviewed the first quarter budgets and will have their next meeting in July. A date has not been set at this time.

Public Comment: None

Appointments: None

New Business:

Abatement of PAC 2016 Penalty – Steve stated that during the time that the initial agreement was signed with Peaceful Assembly Church, an abatement was given for the 2014-2016 property taxes. Due to an oversight, the inventory penalty from 2016 was not included in the abatement. Per the recommendation of Town Counsel to abate the 2016 inventory penalty, the selectmen made the following decision: Jennie motioned to abate the 2016 PAC inventory penalty. Steve second. Leon agreed. Motion passed.

Horizons Engineering – Agreement for 2019 Engineering Services – Leon stated that the agreement is for the annual well sampling that is done at the recycle center. Leon motioned to accept the agreement as presented. Steve second. Jennie agreed. Motion passed. Leon, on behalf of the selectmen, signed the agreement.

Review of Personnel Policy re: Sick Time – The selectmen briefly reviewed the current sick time policy and tabled the discussion until the next selectmen meeting on May 7, 2019.

Mowing Bids – Two mowing bids were received for the mowing and trimming of town properties (town office complex, 2 Library Rd, Library, Town Hall and Recreation Field):

- Ed Grinley - \$5900 for the mowing and trimming and \$150 for raking and removing sand from town properties.
- Todd Randlett Trucking, LLC - \$5500 for the mowing and trimming.

Jennie recused herself from the discussion and decision.

After a brief discussion, Leon motioned to go with Ed Grinley for mowing the multiple town properties. Steve second. Jennie abstained. Motion passed.

Two mowing bids were received for the mowing and trimming of the Town Common:

- Todd Randlett Trucking, LLC - \$1100 for the mowing and trimming.
- Brewster Gove - \$2500 for spring clean-up (which includes removing tree limbs, leaves, winter sand, landscape repair of edges around the common where the plows and vehicles eroded the lawn) and mowing and trimming.

After a brief discussion, Leon motioned to go with Todd Randlett Trucking, LLC. Steve stated he could not second the motion as he feels this company may not want to travel from Holderness to mow and trim a small portion of lawn. Jennie agreed with Steve's statement. Motion did not stand.

Steve motioned to accept Brewster Gove's bid for the town common. Jennie second. Leon agreed. Motion passed.

Other Business/Correspondence:

The Board reviewed, approved and signed a Veterans' Credit application.

The Board reviewed and discussed the following correspondence:

- Letter from Liberty Utilities re: Emergency Management Review Meeting held on May 1, 2019 at their Lebanon Office from 9-10:30am

Public Comment:

Paul Vogt, a new board member of Peaceful Assembly Church shared his views and ideas regarding the future of the PAC property. The selectmen stated that they were happy that Paul came before the Board to discuss the current situation as he is the only member of the PAC Board to do this since the agreement was signed in 2016.

Ed Grinley commented that he would like the selectmen make a decision to have the Fire Department Volunteers take a driver safety class. Steve stated that a decision won't be made tonight but this is something that the selectmen will look into.

Final Comments from the Selectmen: None

Steve motioned to go into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II(e) regarding PAC v Grafton at 7:10pm. Leon second. Motion passed.

Steve motioned to come out of non-public session and to seal the minutes. Leon second. Motion passed.

Leon announced that the board tabled any discussion concerning the latest offer from PAC until the next selectmen meeting.

Steve motioned to go into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II(e) and (l) regarding PSNH v Grafton at 7:18pm. Jennie second. Motion passed.

Steve motioned to come out of non-public session and to seal the minutes. Jennie second. Motion passed.

Public session resumed at 7:24pm.

Leon announced that the selectmen are in agreement with the attorney to settle with PSNH.

Steve motioned to adjourn. Jennie second. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Smith, Administrative Assistant