

**Town of Grafton
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, April 4, 2017**

Members Present: Merle Kenyon, Chairman, Jennie Joyce, Leon Dugan, Sue Smith (recorder)

Others Present: Maureen O'Reilly, Paula Bergeron, Robin Curtis, Deb Clough, John Babiarz

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Leon motioned to accept the minutes of March 21, 2017. Jennie second. Motion passed. Jennie motioned to accept the public and non-public minutes of March 28, 2017. Merle seconded. Leon abstained. Motion passed.

Selectmen Announcements:

Merle informed the Board that the road closed sign will be moved at Lower Meadow Rd once the snow has melted.

Ex-Officio Reports:

Merle gave the following report from the Library Trustees Meeting – Merle spoke with the trustees regarding the recommendation from the selectmen in having Wi-Fi available to the public for 12 hours a day instead of 24 hours a day. The trustees and the librarian were not keen to this recommendation.

Appointments:

Paula Bergeron re: Waste Management – Paula met with the Board to discuss a situation that occurred at the Recycle Center on March 22, 2017 and the disposal of kennel waste. With regards to what occurred on March 22nd, Paula expressed that she would have preferred a courtesy call prior to a visit from the Police Chief informing her to remove the kennel waste from the Recycle Center. Paula also stated that her main concern is to have a policy in place of what to do should this happen again. Merle informed Paula that the Board made a decision that the Recycle Center will no longer accept kennel waste from Commercial Kennels and that the kennel waste will have to be taken directly to Lebanon Landfill. The Recycle Center Rules and Regulations will be updated per the aforementioned decision and a sign will be posted at the Recycle Center as well.

Deb Clough came before the Board to discuss a few issues that were brought up during the Library Trustees meeting that Merle attended. The first issue was the recommendation of the Wi-Fi being available for 12 hours per day versus the now 24 hours a day. The reason for the recommendation is due to the various vehicles that are around the library all hours of the day and night, especially on a street where neighbors are within close proximity to the library. A couple

of the Board members have heard concerns from neighbors in the area about the vehicles. Deb defended having the Wi-Fi on for 24 hours a day and has not received any negative feedback from the surrounding neighbors. A possible solution, brought up by Merle, was to move the Wi-Fi router near the field across from the Town Office. Deb stated that she will inform the Trustees of this possible solution. The second issue was communication between the Library Trustees, Library and the Selectmen. Merle stated that the Library is good for the town and that .he will try to get to more meetings this year. He also stated that communication works both ways and the Library Trustees are more than welcome to attend the selectmen meetings.

New Business: None

Other Business/Correspondence:

The action item list was not reviewed for any updates.

The Board reviewed, discussed and signed the following:

- Abatement Applications – Milliken (Map 11B Lots 200 and 643). Leon motioned to go with the assessor’s recommendation to approve the abatement application. Jennie second. Motion passed. The application was approved and signed. NHEC (UTL 2). Leon motioned to go with the assessor’s recommendation to deny the abatement application. Jennie second. Motion passed. The application was denied and signed. Eversource (UTL 3). Leon motioned to go with the assessor’s recommendation to deny the abatement application. Jennie second. Motion passed. The application was denied and signed.
- Charitable Exemption – Upper Valley Land Trust (Map 6 Lot 763). Leon motioned to go with the assessor’s recommendation to deny the charitable exemption. Jennie second. Motion passed. The charitable exemption was denied.
- Timber Tax Warrant – McPherson (Map 21 Lots 234, 719, and 869) and Burrington (Map 20 Lot 1083) signed.
- Junkyard License – McGinty’s Auto Parts, LLC signed.

The Board reviewed and discussed the following correspondence:

- Letter from Town of Bristol, as well as a letter from Vincent P. Migliore, regarding a special election to replace NH Rep Jeff Shacket who has resigned. After a brief discussion, the Board concurred with the Town of Bristol to not have a special election and will inform the Bristol Selectmen of this decision.
- Letter from Tasco Security regarding Full Service Maintenance Plan rates increasing in 2018.
- Letter from Liberty Utilities re: Emergency Management Review meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 11th at 9am in Concord.
- VNA 2016 Annual Report

Final Comments from Selectmen: None

Leon motioned to adjourn. Jennie second. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.