

**Town of Grafton
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, August 14, 2018
(Amended during August 21, 2018 Meeting)**

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

Others Present: Ken Bean, Sandra Griffin, Mike Samson, Maureen O'Reilly, Catherine Mulholland, Tom McGinty, Gretchen Renee, Janet St. Laurent, Steve Kudlik, Andrew Cushing

The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Leon motioned to accept the minutes of July 17, 2018. Steve second. Motion passed.

Steve motioned to accept the minutes of August 10, 2018. Leon second. Motion passed.

Leon motioned to accept the non-public minutes of August 10, 2018. Steve second. Motion passed.

Selectmen Announcements:

Jennie announced that the selectmen decided during the non-public meeting of August 10, 2018 to return to Court to hold PAC in contempt of the prior court order. The Town Attorney will be informed of this decision tomorrow morning, August 15, 2018.

Jennie also announced a portion of Wild Meadow Road (Wentworth Rd to Alexandria line) will be closed Wednesday, August 15th and Thursday, August 16th in order to complete road repair from damages sustained during the October 2017 storm.

Public Comment:

Gretchen Renee inquired if she could cover "the" on the road sign "Height of the Land Rd" as the real name of the road is Height of Land. Jennie stated that she will speak with the Road Agent about the sign.

Appointments:

Mike Samson, Canaan Town Administrator, met with the Board and gave a power-point presentation regarding Canaan F.A.S.T. Squad's initial budget proposal for 2019 and the counter offer from the Town of Canaan. Upon completion of the presentation, Mike asked that the Board review the information presented and to contact him by September 9, 2018 with questions and/or concerns. The Board thanked Mike for his time and presentation.

Steve Kudlik, Moderator, met with the Board to discuss the following with regards to the State Primary (September 11, 2018) and State Election (November 6, 2018):

- Steve informed the Board that they need to be present for both dates. If they are not able to attend during the day or need to leave for a few hours during the day, each member of the board needs to find a pro-tem to fill their spot. Steve suggested that the selectmen have this arranged prior to the elections.

- Election signs/unattended signs in vehicles – Steve would like to have ~~those who are holding signs outside or have~~ cars parked with signs be moved to a different location other than the Fire Station parking lot.
- Ballot Clerks – Steve will be using 4 ballot clerks for the State Primary. Three of the four will be working the full election and the fourth will fill-in for ballot clerks that need to leave during the day.

Janet St. Laurent met with the board to inform them that a group of people would like to beautify the Town by donating and planting about 30 flowering tree saplings throughout Grafton. The saplings are from the Arbor Day Organization. After a brief discussion, the board gave Janet the go ahead to with the project.

New Business: None

Other Business/Correspondence:

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

- The Pine Grove Cemetery fence is currently being painted.
- The original drawings for the history book were located. Jennie suggested returning the originals back to Gretchen instead of having the drawings stored in a folder. Gretchen suggested making prints of the drawings and using those prints for fundraisers with proceeds going towards the Town Hall. The selectmen liked Gretchen’s suggestion and will give the drawings to Gretchen so she can get pricing for the prints. Gretchen will report back to the selectmen of her findings.

The Board reviewed, approved and signed the following:

- Building Notification – Kirwan (Map 9 Lot 334) and Colby, Jr. (Map 17 Lot 318)
- Timber Tax Warrant – Brundage Cater Trust (Map 6 Lot 1059) and Slob City Holdings, LLC (Map 20 Lot 762)

The Board reviewed and discussed the following correspondence:

- Letter from Grafton Safety Committee re: Welfare Director’s Office. A copy of that letter will be given to the Welfare Director.
- Approvals for Operation for Map 13 Lot 885 and Map 1 Lot 144
- Letters from Senator Giuda re: a tour of the Bridgewater Power Plant
- Community Action Report from NHDRA re: monitoring the 2017 cyclical work performed by Avitar Associates.
- Sampling Reports from NH Division of Public Health Services re: Kilton Pond Huff Beach
- Letter from NHDES re: 5 Johnson Lane
- Letter from Primex re: Property & Liability 2018 Coverage updates
- Memo from Town Clerk re: September Grafton Newsletter.
- Grafton County, NH Fiscal Year 2019 Budget. Steve informed the Board that due to the increase of the budget, the County Tax increased 4% overall.
- A letter to the Tax Collector was signed by the Board directing the tax collector to apply a credit to a merged lot when the 2nd half 2018 tax bills are issued.

Public Comment:

Sandra Griffin commented about the possibility of Ruggles Mine becoming a State Park. Sandra would like to see the Board send a letter to the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation to show support of the mine becoming a State Park. After a brief discussion, the Board stated that they will compose and sign a letter of support.

Final Comments from Selectmen: None

Leon motioned to adjourn. Steve second. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Smith, Administrative Assistant