

**Town of Grafton
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, February 26, 2019**

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

Others Present: Tina Pope, Alice and Bruce Sunnerberg, Mavis Dodge, Dianne Burrington, Catherine Mulholland, Gail and Arthur Gagnon

The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Steve motioned to accept the minutes of February 5, 2019. Leon second. Motion passed.

Selectmen Announcements:

Jennie informed the Board that there is a 3 acre parcel of land on RT 4A that is owned by the Town. It was logged at one time by Paul Jalbert, but the selectmen put a stop to that back in 2010. Since the time of ownership, the land has stayed vacant. Jennie stated that the Town voted in 1999 to keep the property for Town use. In order for the town to auction the property, a warrant article will have to be placed on the 2020 warrant to allow the Town to sell it.

The new court date for PAC v Town of Grafton is Wednesday, April 3, 2019.

Jennie stated that the wind yesterday and today caused more damage to the PAC building. Vinyl siding was blown everywhere and the Road Agent and State DOT picked up what was in the roadways. Jennie announced that the selectmen received an official structural report of PAC from Schaal Engineering, P.C. out of Wilder, VT. The report conveyed findings of observations which did not allow for entry into the PAC building or onto the PAC property. After a brief discussion, Steve motioned to accept the report from Schaal Engineering, P.C. regarding the PAC building. Leon second. Jennie agreed. Motion passed.

Jennie announced that the Board received a letter of resignation from Natalie Kocurek, Library Trustee. The Board also received a recommendation from the Library Trustees to appoint Tina Pope for a 1 year term. After a brief discussion, Leon motioned to appoint Tina Pope as Library Trustee for a one year term. Steve second. Motion passed. Tina Pope took the oath of office with Leon administering the oath.

Ex-Officio Reports: None

Public Comment: None

Appointments:

Dianne Burrington, President, Grafton Historical Society met with the selectmen to discuss the current lease agreements between the Grafton Historical Society and the Town of Grafton as well as the East Grafton Parsonage.

The three leases, Pine Grove School, Grafton Historical Museum and E. Grafton Church, all expire at different times. The Grafton Historical Society would like to re-do the leases to have them all change to 10 year leases and to expire at the same time. Two of the three leases expire this August and the Grafton Historical Society would like to make the changes by then.

The Grafton Historical Society would like to have the selectmen and Bruce Sunnerberg to meet at the East Grafton Parsonage sometime this spring. This meeting will include a tour of the interior of the building to determine whether or not the building is salvageable. Depending on the outcome of that meeting, the Grafton Historical Society proposed two options: 1) If the building can be saved, the Grafton Historical Society would like to sub-lease the building or 2) If the building is too damaged to be saved, the Grafton Historical Society would like to salvage the building with the monies going toward the preservation of the historical buildings (the three that are leased as well as the carding mill). Both Steve and Leon stated that they will meet with Bruce to take the tour. A meeting with the Grafton Historical Society will be scheduled after the building tour to discuss the proposed options.

New Business:

Lateral Fireproof File Cabinet for Selectmen Office – The selectmen reviewed and discussed the purchasing of a lateral fireproof file cabinet for the selectmen office due to running out of filing space for property files. After a brief discussion, the selectmen gave approval to make the purchase.

Other Business/Correspondence:

The selectmen reviewed and discussed the following correspondence:

- Letter from Drummond Woodsum re: Bond Counsel Services
- Flier from Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice re: Volunteer Opportunities
- Approval for Construction – Map 11 Lot 339
- Letter from NHDES re: Deactivation of a Public Water System at the Grafton Inn/Grafton Country Store
- Memo from the Town Clerk re: March 2019 Newsletter

Public Comment:

Catherine Mulholland inquired if the selectmen heard back from the State re: Ruggles Mine becoming a State Park. Steve stated that the selectmen have not heard anything from the State.

Final Comments from the Selectmen: None

Leon motioned to adjourn. Steve second. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Smith, Administrative Assistant