

**Town of Grafton
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, January 17, 2017**

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

Others Present: Maureen O'Reilly

The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Leon motioned to accept the minutes of January 11, 2017. Jennie second. Motion passed.

Selectmen Announcements:

Merle spoke with some of the people who are using the Library after hours and on days that the Library is closed.

Ex-Officio Reports:

Jennie reported the following from the Budget Committee – The Budget Public Hearing went fairly well.

Appointments: None

New Business:

Veterans' Total Disability Vehicle Registration – Leon read a letter from Bonnie Haubrich, Town Clerk, regarding Veterans' Total Disability Vehicle Registration. In this letter, the Town Clerk informed the Selectmen that the State allows one automobile registration free of charge for any totally disabled veteran but that it is up to the town if they allow the town portion to be forgiven. As there is nothing documented, the Town Clerk is asking the Selectmen to allow the town portion of a vehicle registration to be forgiven. After a brief discussion, Leon motioned to allow the town portion to be forgiven for a totally disabled veteran. Jennie second. Merle agreed. Motion passed. The Board will inform the Town Clerk of this decision.

Other Business/Correspondence:

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

- Leon completed the selectmen report.
- Merle looked at the porch light at the Town Hall. Apparently there are two switches to this light. When both switches are used, the porch light does not work. Merle placed tape over one of the switches to deter people from using it.
- Simple Energy was contacted for a heat audit. Waiting for a response.

- There are two easements on the property owned by Grafton Pond Association. The first easement has to do with the buildings on the property. The second easement is a conservation easement for the whole property and is filed with the Upper Valley Land Trust.

Horse Events Agreements – The Board reviewed and discussed the Horse Events Agreements that Dotti Ernst prepared. The easements will be passed to the new town attorney for review.

The Board reviewed and signed a timber tax warrant for Forest (Map 19 Lot 640)

The Board reviewed and discussed the following correspondence:

- Email from Linda Howes re: parking on Grafton Pond Road
- Updated list of the 2016 Tax Payment Agreements
- Letter and questionnaire from the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission re: 2019-2028 Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan

Final Comments from the Selectmen:

Jennie brought information to the Board regarding liening properties of public assistance recipients. Jennie stated that she was contacted by the Welfare Director with an inquiry about liening a property that does not belong to the renter. Jennie informed the Welfare Director, as well as the Board that the only time a lien can be placed on the properties is if the property owner seeks assistance, not a renter. Jennie also stated that the Welfare Director wanted to verify this information with the Town Attorney, so Jennie gave the Welfare Director permission to contact the attorney.

Jennie motioned to adjourn. Merle seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Smith, Administrative Assistant