

**Town of Grafton
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, May 7, 2019**

Members Present: Leon Dugan, Chairman, Steve Darrow, Jennie Joyce, Dotty Campbell (recorder)

Others Present: Bonnie Haubrich, Sandy Griffin, Paul Vogt, Denise Smith, Gary Whitty, Aime Jacques, Maureen O'Reilly, Catherine Mulholland, Cindy Kudlik, Ed Grinley, Alice and Bruce Sunnerberg, Russell Poitras, Karen Johnson, Ken Cushing, Ben Sipe, Patricia Bolduc, Elaina Bergamini, Andrew Cushing, Susan Jukosky, Roseanne Kramer, John Babiarz, Ron Platka, Bill Robinson

The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Steve motioned to accept the public minutes of April 16, 2019. Jennie second. Motion passed. Steve motioned to accept both sets of non-public minutes from April 16, 2019. Jennie seconded both sets of minutes. Motion passed.

Selectmen Announcements: None

Ex-Officio Reports: None

Public Comment: None

Appointments:

Steve motioned to go into non-public session with Ron Platka in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II(c) regarding property taxes at 6:20pm. 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 6:40pm.

Leon announced that no decisions were made.

Elaina Bergamini and Andrew Cushing met with the selectmen to discuss Mascoma Valley Preservation Society (MVPS) purchasing the Peaceful Assembly Church property. MVPS is asking the selectmen to forgive some of the monies that have been awarded to the Town per the recent ruling of PAC v Grafton. After a brief discussion, the selectmen stated that they will need to talk to the Town's attorney before making any decisions.

Cindy Kudlik and Aime Jacques, Cemetery Trustees, and Ed Grinley, Cemetery Sexton, met with the selectmen to discuss Pine Grove Cemetery burial records. About a week ago, it was brought to the Cemetery Trustees attention that there were some discrepancies with the burial plots. It was discovered through a search of a missing deed that a burial plot was sold twice. Cindy stated that she and Aime

have been in contact with the Town Clerk to gain access to the Pine Grove Cemetery Lot ledger but were refused access per the Town Clerk stating that the information was confidential. The Cemetery Trustees need to see the ledger to compare with other information they have to find burial plots that have been potentially double sold; possible errors that may have occurred since the early 1980's. Cindy stated that according to RSA 289:5 Cemetery Records, the cemetery trustees are responsible to keep the cemetery records as well as information regarding burial plots, not the Town Clerk. As of tonight's meeting, the Town Clerk has not been cooperative with this issue and the Cemetery Trustees want to get this issue resolved sooner rather than later. Both Cindy and Aime asked the selectmen to get involved with this matter as they, the cemetery trustees, are unable to do their jobs effectively. The selectmen stated that they will be in contact with the Town Clerk.

New Business: None

Other Business/Correspondence:

Cemetery Deeds – The selectmen signed three (3) cemetery deeds with John Babiarz notarizing their signatures.

Current Use Applications – Innes (Map 1 Lot 401-1), Mather (Map 15 Lot 627) and H&H Investments (Map 8 Lot 710-2). The selectmen approved and signed all three current use applications.

Solar Energy Systems Exemption – Babiarz (Map 20 Lot 43-1). The selectmen approved and signed the application per the recommendation from the assessor.

Timber Tax Warrant – Barney (Map 1 Lot 697). The selectmen signed the warrant.

John Babiarz presented two (2) Fire/Ambulance Station Use requests for events to take place on Saturday May 25, 2019 and June 15, 2019. The selectmen approved and signed both requests.

The selectmen reviewed and discussed the following correspondence:

- Letter from NHDRA re: 2018 Total Equalized Valuations.
- Emails from Library Trustees informing the selectmen that Tina Pope resigned her position and that Andrew Cushing was nominated to be appointed as the new trustee until the next town election. The selectmen approved the nomination and will inform Andrew that he will need to take the oath of office.

Public Comment: None

Final Comments from the Selectmen: None

Steve motioned to adjourn. Jennie second. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Smith, Administrative Assistant