

GRAFTON IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

**MINUTES
June 15, 2016**

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM

Present: Bill Brown, Raymond Gregory, Cynthia Gibbs, John Evans, Pat Mack, Sam Battaglino, Tracy Lake, Nancy Merrill.

Absent: Leila Bate, Don Dougall, Walt Critchfield, John Gregory

Also: Suzanne Welch, Mary Feder, Dave Culver, Al Sands

Secretary's Report: Add to minutes - \$65 per mowing of ball field to Walt Critchfield.

Treasurer's Report: Checking \$5,222.87, Money Market \$90,194.02, Annuity \$65,000.

Nominations for Officers and Trustees for 2016-2017: Nominating Committee Pat Mack.
Slate to be presented to GIA members at the Annual Meeting on July 20, 2016:

President	Don Dougall
V. President	John Gregory
Secretary	Nancy Merrill
Treasurer	Pat Mack
Trustees:	2014 Leila W. Bate
	2014 Sam Battaglino
	2015 John Evans
	2016 Dave Culver
	2016 Allan Sands
	2016 Bob Wright
	2016 Margo Matt
*Woods Committee	Leila Bate
	Walter Critchfield
	Tracy Lake
	Raymond Gregory
	Allan Sands
	Bob Wright
	Bill Brown
Honorary President	Bill Brown

*Motion made (Nancy Merrill) and seconded (Tracy Lake) MOTION PASSED: At the next Woods Committee meeting, Woods Committee members will select their own Chair.

Annual Letter: Annual letter drafted by Don Dougall, Pat Mack, Nancy Merrill and Cynthia Gibbs and presented to Board. Pat, Cynthia and Nancy will mail it to all members on June 20 (one month prior to Annual Meeting) – Letters will be tri-folded with blank space in middle for mailing label. Pat will get “wafer stickers” for sealing.

Viet Nam Memorial: Bill talked with Chris Potter (Fenton and Hennessey) about measurements. Bill sent Chris an email with photo attached which Chris will forward to the foundry. 2 plates (at a cost of \$100 each plus shipping) will be added to the bottom of the existing plaque. Bill will attach. There will be no charge from Fenton and Hennessey.

Main Street Flag cable: Rope that held the flag across Main Street broke before Memorial Day. We need a better, stronger solution. Bill suggested plastic-coated cable, or as Tracy suggested, thin stainless steel wire we could get through Masonry Supply. We could attach a winch to be able to raise and lower the flag from the street, not a high ladder. Bill will talk with Steve Fisher. Is it possible to have this done by July 4th???

Hayden Lake Introduction and Discussion about a 10-year Forestry Plan: Hayden Lake is our new forester. Allan suggested that in order to tell Hayden exactly what we need and want, the Woods Committee should discuss, give their input to the Board who will then have more detailed information and direction for Hayden. Hayden agreed that he needs our parameters for guidance before he begins to write a plan. Hayden will use his good mapping skills, and also establish that the boundaries are correct and well-marked, to begin his process. Bill is attending a seminar at the Grafton Inn about subjects related to tree farming and wildlife management and will bring back to the Board as much info as available. Hayden spoke of the EQIP program as a way to cover some costs of forestry management. Allan also asked Hayden if during his field work he could identify potential future landing sites since this has been a problem in the past.

Trail Work with Paul Wilson 6/18: The trail needs work near the swampy area. Paul Wilson and Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association area changing the beginning of the Bear Hill Trail from the repeater tower. The altered trail will be 50 feet away from the present trail to be able to step over a small brook instead of trying to navigate through the swampy area. Meet at the Bear Hill Kiosk at 10 AM on Saturday, June 18.

Next Meeting: Annual Meeting July 20, 2016 at the Homestead.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.