

MINUTES SELECTBOARD MEETING
Grafton Town Hall Upstairs In Person/Live
With accommodation for persons unable to attend in person via interactive Zoom

Monday, May 1, 2023, 6:00 pm

Present at the meeting in the Town Hall:

Selectboard: Chair Joe Pollio, Vice Chair Cathy Siano-Goodwin, John Gregory, Rich Thompson, and Seth Pajcic

Also: Morgan Wilbur, Kim Record, Mike Faulkner, Don Dougall, Rodney Record, Dottie Cannon, Stephan Keegan, Sam Battaglino, Russell Record, and Colby Record.

Present online: FactTV, Liisa Kissel, Erin Moore (Tighe and Bond), Amber Stevens, and Wendy Martin.

1. Call to order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. Adopt Agenda: It was moved by John Gregory, seconded by Cathy Siano-Goodwin to adopt the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Approve Minutes of the April 17, 2023, meeting: It was moved by Cathy Siano-Goodwin, seconded by Rich Thompson, to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2023, meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Wastewater Test Pits: Joe Pollio said the Town is obligated to dig test pits for the wastewater project per the signed agreement with Tighe & Bond. He reported that Tighe & Bond would like to move forward with digging test pits at the Upper Howland Mill site, on Joe Pollio's tree farm located at 680 Houghtonville Road, at the Village Park, and potentially at Alan Yuspeh's property located at 453 Middletown Road. There was some public comment inquiring about why the sites were getting tested again. Pollio stated Tighe & Bond is looking into alternative systems, rather than the traditional mound system for Grafton due to a lack of feasible sites for the mound system.
5. Windham County Humane Society Contract: Morgan Wilbur presented a contract for the Windham County Humane Society for animal holding for the fiscal year 2023-2024. She said the yearly rate remained the same as last year at \$385.

It was moved by John Gregory, seconded by Seth Pajcic to approve the FY 2023-2024 Windham County Humane Society Contract. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Cemetery Flags: Kim Record thanked the Grafton Improvement Association for purchasing the flags. She said they had been delivered to the Town Hall and she will notify the individuals who usually distribute them to each cemetery. Cathy Siano-Goodwin asked if there are any outstanding projects that need to be done at the cemeteries. Joe Pollio said he and John Gregory would be meeting in the coming weeks to go over what needs to be done and who is able to

complete them. Morgan Wilbur will follow up with Tim Mueller regarding additional land at Burgess Cemetery and Bruce Jones for additional land at Houghtonville Cemetery.

7. Highway Report: Mike Faulkner said there was a culvert on Wright Orchard Road that needed repairing. He ordered the culvert, which was about \$3,500. The highway crew would repair it themselves when the culvert gets delivered in the coming weeks.

Paving Bid: There was no discussion.

Sand Bid: Mike Faulkner requested the number of yards be changed from 4,000 to 3,000 yards for budgeting purposes. One of the trucks will need to be repaired in the summer, so they need to budget enough for the company to deliver the sand.

It was moved by John Gregory, seconded by Rich Thompson, to publish the paving and sand bids. Motion passed unanimously.

Cambridgeport Intersection Update: Morgan Wilbur said Robert Lakin from the Windham County Sheriff's Department spent some time at the intersection over the past few days. Within 2 weeks, they will put a small device up at the driveway of 90 Athens Road to conduct a speed study. This would remain up for about 5-7 days and they would put together a report and speed recommendation.

8. Clerk/Treasurer: Kim Record said property taxes are due on May 15th.

9. Committee Reports:

Personnel Committee: Cathy Siano-Goodwin said they plan to meet with Mike Faulkner to do reviews in mid-May.

10. Other Business: Stephen Keegan expressed concern regarding water running through his property, which is happening due to the addition of the parking area at the Village Park. Mike Faulkner said he would look at the problem the following Wednesday.

Sam Battaglino asked for 2 cemetery flags to place on the plaque for Walter Critchfield on Middletown Road. Kim Record said he can stop by the Town Office to pick them up.

11. Public Comment: Don Dougall stated Green Up Day would be on Saturday, May 6th. The Windham Foundation would be donating a truck to accumulate and dispose of the trash bags, which would be parked at Jamie Gregory's shop (778 Route 121 East) from 8 am – 1 pm. He wanted to remind everyone that this is strictly trash along the road, they would not be accepting household trash. There are trash bags available on the front porch of the Town Hall. Dougall also said Flag Day is Wednesday, June 14th. The Grafton Improvement Association would be collecting torn flags and properly disposing of them on June 14th at the Town Hall.

12. Next regular meeting: Monday, May 15, 2023, at 6 pm.

13. Adjourn. It was moved by Cathy Siano-Goodwin, seconded by Rich Thompson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Morgan Wilbur