

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

**Monday, August 21, 2023, 6:00 pm**

Present at the meeting in the Town Hall:

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

Selectboard not present: Chair Joe Pollio

Also: Morgan Wilbur, Mike Faulkner, Dottie Cannon, Colby Record, Liisa Kissel, Nicole Laurel, Cam Witkowski, and Don Dougall

Present online: FactTV, Charles Bonin, and Amber Stevens

1. Call to order: The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. Adopt Agenda: It was moved by John Gregory, seconded by Rich Thompson to adopt the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Approve Minutes of the August 7, 2023, meeting: It was moved by Seth Pajcic, seconded by John Gregory, to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2023, meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Second Septic Letters: Cathy Siano-Goodwin said Morgan Wilbur would be sending a reminder letter to residents who are due to pump their septic in 2023.
5. Suspicious/Criminal Activity: Morgan Wilbur gave an update saying she spoke with First Sergeant Robert Lakin from the Windham County Sheriff's Department. He would patrol Townshend Road per Wilbur's request from a resident. He would also patrol Andreson Road and Hinkley Brook Road because of suspicious activity.
6. Open Bids: Selectboard Clerk, Rich Thompson opened the bids.
  - Bell Road Box Culvert: Two bids were submitted: Ivor Stevens Grounds Maintenance (refusal letter) and Jamie Gregory Trucking & Excavating (\$233,000).
  - Paving on Fisher Hill Road: One bid was submitted: Bazin Brothers Trucking, Inc. (57,250).
  - Paving on State-Aid Roads: One bid was submitted: Bazin Brothers Trucking, Inc. (\$112,000).

John Gregory recused himself from any discussion. Morgan Wilbur mentioned she was still waiting for guidance from FEMA in regard to getting the Bell Road culvert funded. She said FEMA may just pay for the culvert to be repaired to the condition it was in prior to the storm or they may pay for it to be built according to the hydrology study, which recommends a box culvert installation. It was also mentioned that it is policy to award the bids at the following Selectboard meeting.

6. Highway Report: Mike Faulkner reported the crews have finished flood work, except for repaving portions of the pavement and repairing the block wall at the end of Eastman Road. They have finished placing rip rap where it belonged. Faulkner said the highway crew would be returning back to their normal tasks such as grading, roadside mowing, etc. Cathy Siano-Goodwin thanked the highway crew for their hard work. Siano-Goodwin asked how much had been expended on the July 9-10 Rain Event, so far. John Gregory estimated approximately \$400,000 had been spent so far and \$100,000 of that was for the state-aid highways (Route 121 and Route 35).

7. Clerk/Treasurer: There was no report.

8. Committee Reports:

Personnel Committee: Cathy Siano-Goodwin said they are working on the Drug & Alcohol Policy for Municipalities with Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators, as recommended by VLCT.

9. Other Business: Rich Thompson asked if there was an update from the Windham Foundation in regard to the town drainage pipe that runs from the ballfield down Pleasant Street. Morgan Wilbur said Joe Pollio had reached out to Bob Donald to get an update but had yet to hear back from him. John Gregory said in the original discussion, the Selectboard agreed there would be a resolution in 3 months from the date it was discussed with the Windham Foundation. Cathy Siano-Goodwin asked for an update on the work being done at the cemeteries. Wilbur said Mike Waysville talked with Kim Record the previous week and that he was actively working at the cemeteries to repair damaged stones.

10. Public Comment: Liisa Kissel confirmed the next Wastewater Meeting would be on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm held at the Grafton Elementary School.

11. Next regular meeting: Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 6 pm.

12. Adjourn. It was moved by Seth Pajcic, seconded by Rich Thompson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Morgan Wilbur