



TOWN OF GRAFTON
GRAFTON MEMORIAL MUNICIPAL CENTER
30 PROVIDENCE ROAD

GRAFTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01519
(508) 839-5335 ext 1100 • FAX (508) 839-4602
www.grafton-ma.gov

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
August 2, 2016
Municipal Center, Conference Room A
7:00 p.m.

RECEIVED TOWN CLERK
GRAFTON, MA
2016 SEP 26 PM 4 24

CALL TO ORDER: At 7:00 PM Mr. Spinney called a regular Board of Selectmen meeting to order. Present: Bruce Spinney, Sargon Hanna, Craig Dauphinais, Brook Padgett, Tim McInerney and Laura St. John-Dupuis. Absent: Jennifer Thomas and Doug Willardson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Build a Sand Castle Day, Silver Lake Beach
Saturday, August 6th at 1 pm – 3 pm. Contact the Recreation Department for Further Information.
- Public Forum – Worcester Street Conceptual Roadway Layout Study Thursday, August 11th at 7PM at the Grafton High School
- Charter Review Public Hearing, Thursday, September 15th.

SCHEDULE

One Grafton Common – Parking Plan

Mr. McInerney stated that there have been a number of ideas. Mr. Szczurko has designed a few options. We need to decide if we should have angled parking or parallel parking, if parallel there will be a loss of three spots. Mr. Szczurko has advised that backing out into traffic is highly discouraged.

Mr. Szczurko addressed the Board stating that angled parking is put into place, there is no law stating that a person can't back into traffic, the person backing out would be at fault. Angled parking is difficult because people have to look over their shoulder.

Mr. Dauphinais stated that the Town set up the one way on the Boulevard as a trial basis. If we go with parallel parking, we lose three spots. If we go back to parallel parking could we make the Boulevard back into a two way road again.

Mr. Szczurko stated yes we can, that would alleviate some issues.

Mr. Dauphinais feels the two way traffic is more valuable than the three spaces that would be lost.

Mr. Szczurko stated we have plenty of room to reopen to two way traffic.

Mr. Hanna asks about what if we block off the Boulevard and make it parking.

Mr. Szczurko stated that having this road open to traffic eases a little bit of traffic, if closed off, we will need signals.

Mr. Scott Ricker, Local Access Advocate and Grafton residents addressed the Board and asked why the Town would block the sidewalk.

Mr. McInerney stated that we are not blocking the sidewalk. We met handicapped requirements at the front side of the building.

Mr. Ricker replied by saying that that individuals with disabilities may want to use the back entrance.

Mr. Spinney stated both the front of the back and front of the building are accessible.

Mr. Ricker stated the state may require putting in a curb cut.

Mr. McInerney stated we can put a curb cut in to accommodate for handicapped individuals. Mr. Spinney asked if the Board could consult with Jeff Walsh to give us an opinion on this. Mr. McInerney stated we can ask and that from a design standpoint, it is not a big deal.

Mr. Hanna asked how many cars could fit we were ever to close the Boulevard in the future. Mr. McInerney replied saying that you may get 10 cars. Mr. Dauphinais the only value would be to by Jordan's Garage to get the space you need.

Mr. Dauphinais thinks we need to add some structure to that. You can put in a 4 foot sidewalk and a berm and do the parallel parking and have room to do two way driving.

Mr. McInerney asked if the Board wanted to have a public hearing to make it a two way road. Mr. Dauphinais stated the plan with the parallel with the sidewalk can be shown as a final draft.

APPOINTMENTS

Thomas Berkowitz- Heavy Truck Driver

Mr. McInerney stated that Mr. Berkowitz called the office to say he was not going to be accepting the position.

Kristi Lutjelushe- Recreation Committee

Mr. Padgett made a motion to appoint Kristi Lutjelushe to the Recreation Commission. Mr. Hanna seconded. All were in favor.

RESIGNATIONS

Damian Pichierri- Heavy Truck Driver

Mr. Dauphinais made a motion to accept the resignation of Damian Pichierri from the DPW. Mr. Padgett seconded. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Vote to Approve Garage Class II License – Ahmad Semrin d/b/a Z-A Auto

Mr. Hanna read the public hearing notice. Mr. Dauphinais made a motion open the public hearing. Mr. Padgett seconded. All were in favor.

Mr. Semrin addressed the Board stating that he was here for a Garage Class II license .

Mr. Dauphinais made a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Padgett seconded. All were in favor.

Mr. Dauphinais made a motion o grant Ahmad Semrin d/b/a Z-A Auto a Garage Class II License. Mr. Padgett seconded. All were in favor.

Vote to Approve Favreau Forestry Contract for Tree Trimming Service

Mr. Dauphinais made a motion to sign a contract with Favreau Forestry for Tree Trimming Services. Mr. Padgett seconded. All were in favor.

SELECTMEN REPORTS

Mr. McInerney provided his report:

- Senate and House passed a budget over the past week. The Town will be receiving what we thought were going to.
- Special Town Meeting is Monday, August 8th there will also be a joint meeting with the DPW Building Facility Committee.
- Charter Review Committee meets this Thursday, August 4th at 6:30 PM
- The Carroll Road proposals have been received
- Analysis of the Fire Department Equipment- There will be a public meeting with the representative who did the analysis in September.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Hanna read correspondence from Mill Villages Advisory Committee regarding the placement of rocks at the park without consulting with the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Dauphinais stated that he went to see the rocks with Skip Michniewicz who suggested to Mr. Dauphinais that the town do something to beautify the park and not 150 rocks.

Mr. Dauphinais stated that the rocks should be removed and that they are not needed.

Mr. Dauphinais made a motion to direct the Town Administrator to have the stones removed and have the Mill Villages Advisory Committee come up with a solution if there is a need. Mr. Spinney seconded. All were in favor.

MEETING MINUTES

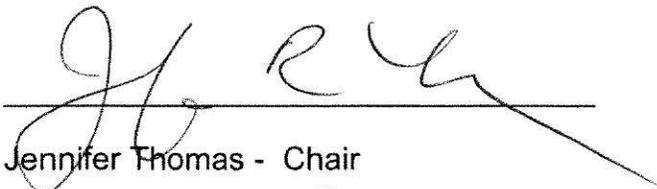
5/24, 6/7, 7/21

Mr. Padgett made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from 5/25, 6/7, and 7/21. Mr. Hanna seconded. All were in favor.

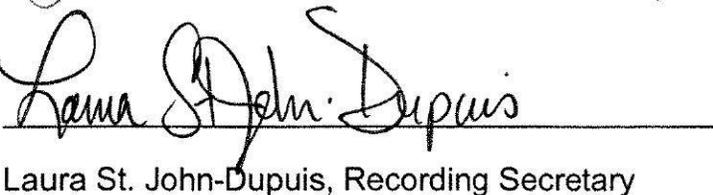
ADJOURN

At 8:05 PM Mr. Hanna made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Padgett seconded. All were in favor.

For more information, this and other meetings can be viewed on Grafton Television.
www.Graftontv.org.


Jennifer Thomas - Chair

9.6.2016
Date


Laura St. John-Dupuis, Recording Secretary