

## GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Office of the Commissioners  
3855 Dartmouth College Hwy.  
N. Haverhill, NH 03774  
Monday Aug 1, 2005

PRESENT: Commissioners' William Gabler, Michael Cryans, Raymond Burton. Executive Director Julie Clough and Secretary Jeri Martino.

The Meeting was called to order 9:05 PM

The new Assistant County Attorney, James Vara introduced himself to the Commissioners and told them a little bit about himself. Atty. Vara has lived in New Hampshire for two years now, coming from New Jersey. He graduated from Rutgers University and was with another law firm prior to be hired by Atty. St. Hilaire. Atty. Vara and the Commissioners chatted a while and the Commissioners welcomed Atty. Vara and offered their support in his endeavors.

Local citizen, Harold Brown was in attendance and Commissioner Cryans recognized Mr. Brown asking if there was anything he wanted to address. Mr. Brown said that he had a suggestion regarding Dispatch. He suggested that a new building be constructed along the existing Courthouse, which would hold the Communication Center and could also house some inmates. This would eliminate having to move the antennae and offer additional inmate housing. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Brown for his suggestion saying they would take it under consideration.

Forester Nory Parr arrived from Cooperative Extension to give his report summary on the sale of timber. Forester Parr noted that most of the sale area has been marked although some of the trails still needed marking at this time. At present, Forester Parr is looking at addressing the regeneration of the forest.

Forester Parr discussed which areas were ready to be cut and how access to these areas would be gained. Some road repair would need to be done to certain areas to make it possible for vehicle to get there. Parr estimated this repair to be about \$2500.

Forester Parr said that he would expect to see about \$20,000 worth of revenue from the cut and perhaps another \$1500 to \$2000 in by-products, noting that the bulk of the volume is white pine. Forester Parr suggested that the sale be advertised with a showing this month some time. The Commissioners asked Forester Parr what impact the cut would have on the snowmobiles if it were done in the winter. Parr suggested that it would impact some of the trails but certainly not prohibit riders altogether.

Commissioner Gabler asked about the prospect of planting seedlings on the property for regeneration. Parr said that oak doesn't usually take that well and the deer tend to eat them.

Commissioner Gabler asked Forester Parr when he expected to have the Forestry Plan completed and Forested Par said that he expected to have it by this summer.

Commissioner Burton asked Forester Parr to alert Dr. Pike to the fact that he will soon receive an invitation to the Open House in Sept, and that he (Commissioner Burton) hoped that the

greenhouse would be open for tours and fully staffed. Forester Parr acknowledged that it would. Commissioner Burton asked what was taking place in the greenhouse and Forester Parr replied that it was used in research and primarily nutrient research. Tom Boub is in charge of the greenhouse and can be more informative.

Commissioner Burton asked Forester Parr if there is a credit program that works with students at Plymouth State. Forester Parr said that the idea has been tossed around but nothing concrete at this time. Parr will contact Dr. Carr to discuss the possibilities of a program.

Commissioner Gabler asked Forester Parr to pass along a commendation to the 4-H group and Kathy Jablonski for the terrific displays and hard work that was done at the North Haverhill Fair.

#### COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

Commissioner Burton moved to approve the minutes from July 25, 2005, which was seconded by Commissioner Gabler. All were in favor.

The Commissioners signed the check registers.

The Commissioners signed the Union Contract Page Agreement.

The Commissioners signed the contract for CDBG with Donna Lane.

Executive Director Clough presented a request from Donna Lane asking that Grafton County adopt a Code of Ethics, Conflict of Interest and Financial Management.

Commissioner Gabler moved to adopt the set of rules for the CDFA plan, which was seconded by Commissioner Burton. All were in favor.

Executive Director Clough informed the Commissioners of a letter she received which stated that more money was requested from the State for Pro-Share than was originally requested, by approximately \$43K. The Commissioners were unaware of this change. The decision was to wait until after a meeting on August 12, 2005 with whom?, before making any decisions to pay the amount.

The Executive Director presented the Commissioners with the first estimate for air conditioning in the Nursing Home's west wing. The estimate was \$110K. Once the work was decided upon, an Executive Committee meeting would be needed for approval as the money would have to come out of the Nursing Home's Capital Reserve Fund.

The Executive Director will communicate the estimate to the Executive Committee via a letter.

The request for Historical Preservation items to be housed in the Administration Building will be sent out.

Commissioner Burton suggested inviting recent retirees of Grafton County to the Open House in Sept.

On July 27, 2005, Governor Lynch dedicated the Henry Brown Bridge.

All three Commissioners walked in the parade for the North Haverhill Fair on Sunday July 31, 2005.

Commissioner Burton will be attending the last of his town selectman's visits to Benton and Woodstock.

The Farm Advisory Committee meeting will be held on August 4, 2005.

There will be no Commissioners Meetings again until August 22, 2005.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 PM

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Raymond S. Burton, Clerk