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[Town of Grafton MA] Green Up Grafton (Sent by Ann MArie Foley, amfoley45@msn.com)

Contact form at Town of Grafton MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Fri, Apr 23, 2021 at 11:11 AM

Reply-To: amfoley45@msn.com

To: the Select Board <BOS@grafton-ma.gov>

Hello the Select Board,

Ann MArie Foley (amfoley45@msn.com) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.grafton-ma.gov/user/14856/contact>) at Town of Grafton MA.

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Message:

I wondered if you could make an announcement, or if I could speak about Curb side Composting that is now available in Grafton at one of your meetings?



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[Town of Grafton MA] State holidays question (Sent by Amy Marr, amy@themarrs.net)

Contact form at Town of Grafton MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Wed, Apr 21, 2021 at 11:07 PM

Reply-To: amy@themarrs.net

To: the Select Board <BOS@grafton-ma.gov>

Hello the Select Board,

Amy Marr (amy@themarrs.net) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.grafton-ma.gov/user/14856/contact>) at Town of Grafton MA.

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Message:

Dear Evan,

Hi! This is a little out of my lane, but as I'm on the school committee, and we're likely to discuss this soon...

I've been doing a bit of research about the state holidays with regard to Juneteenth, and I'm not understanding why it needs to go to a vote of the town at all.

The state has included Juneteenth on the list of state holidays, which states "State, county, and municipal offices are closed on the days listed above." (<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/cis/cishol/holidx.htm>)

So it seems to me that we are already mandated to close municipal offices on that day (or on its observed date).

Likewise, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education states that schools should be closed on this day: <https://www.doe.mass.edu/news/news.aspx?id=26188>

So other than simply updating the personnel by-law to match the state law, I'm not sure why we have to vote on it in order to observe the date.

Can you clarify?

I hope you're enjoying getting to know us here in Grafton!

Thanks,
Amy



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[Town of Grafton MA] April 20 Meeting: Renaming State Holidays (Sent by Marianne Desrosiers , Attymdesrosiers@gmail.com)

1 message

Contact form at Town of Grafton MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Mon, Apr 19, 2021 at 7:24 PM

Reply-To: Attymdesrosiers@gmail.com

To: the Select Board <BOS@grafton-ma.gov>

Hello the Select Board,

Marianne Desrosiers (Attymdesrosiers@gmail.com) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.grafton-ma.gov/user/14856/contact>) at Town of Grafton MA.

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Message:

I am writing to oppose any measure to rename any of our state holidays.

The gutting of history and civics, is not serving our community, just as censorship of books that have been taught for generations because they contain dated language potentially offensive to the hypersensitive is not serving our community. It is in fact antithetical to our history of constitutional freedom. Our nation will not survive a generation of leadership even more poorly educated than we have now, nor will we survive a generation taught to hate its own country or re-write if not despise its history. History serves to teach and orient the future. It should not be rewritten or re-labeled to appease a momentary political narrative.



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[Town of Grafton MA] Reunion Tap & Table (Sent by Shanon Slik, ShanonMarieSlik@gmail.com)

1 message

Contact form at Town of Grafton MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Sat, Apr 24, 2021 at 6:54 PM

Reply-To: ShanonMarieSlik@gmail.com

To: the Select Board <BOS@grafton-ma.gov>

Hello the Select Board,

Shanon Slik (ShanonMarieSlik@gmail.com) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.grafton-ma.gov/user/14856/contact>) at Town of Grafton MA.

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Message:

Hi,
I'm writing regarding the music at the Reunion. I'm curious about the specifications for their entertainment license. I did read the article where it was stated it would be acoustic only this year and so far this hasn't been the case. They had at least been at a reasonable level each night they've had music so far, until today. The level of volume they have their PA set to tonight (which correct me if I'm wrong, acoustic would mean no PA) is audible within the walls of my home, over every noise canceling I can try of my own. Considering our interactions last year, I can only assume it will just continue to get louder as the days pass. Any advice you can give me on steps I can take to mitigate this would be appreciated.

April 8, 2021

Dear Members of the Affordable Housing Trust, Land Planning, Cindy Ide, BOS,

My name is Joyce Kelley, I live at 20 Sartell road, a member of our community since 1994. I am reaching out to each of you regarding the lot at 25 Worcester Street. The Habitat for Humanity of Metro West/Greater Worcester's has expressed interest in being a part of the potential affordable housing to be built at 25 Worcester Street. They are a highly regarded affordable housing organization ***that I am encouraged to know wishes to collaborate with our neighborhood, community, AHT to guide us towards a wonderfully successful 55+ senior affordable housing project on 25 Worcester street.*** Many of my neighbors have heard, also have expressed interest in hearing the Habitat for Humanity's suggestions, thoughts on building affordable homes on the 25 Worcester Street lot that would be ***100% affordable units for 55+ senior's in our community*** and not just 10%-25% of the units as the AHT has proposed. The Habitat for Humanity has graciously expressed interest in being a part of the potential affordable housing project at 25 Worcester street. We have heard they are simply waiting for an invite from Grafton's Affordable Housing Trust to join an upcoming public meeting to discuss this possibility. Please confirm you have received my letter, also I ask that my letter is read aloud at the next AHT meeting, April 15, 2021. On a side note, I was recently told by a few members of our community that, Mr. Prisby took it upon himself to post my recent letter I sent the AHT to his member only group on Facebook, where he proceeded to disparage my good character. I have observed him doing this in the past to others in our community. I find it horrible that a public Grafton figure behaves so bullyish towards members of our community. That he creates lies, accusations that are highly offensive. Habitat for Humanity is a Nationally known

organization that President Jimmy Carter created in the 1980's. I would think our community would highly benefit from their expertise in the planning, process, collaboration of a potential affordable housing project on 25 Worcester Street.

Thanks so much,

Joyce Kelley

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Hi All,

I respect the important work you are all doing to advance affordable housing in Grafton and hope you will review the below points as part of your deliberations on the future of 25 Worcester street. If you decide to pursue a 40B project at the property, I hope you will provide the Grafton community an opportunity to shape the RFP to ensure that any future development is built (no matter the density) in a way that fits in with the local character of the houses in the neighborhood and does not detract from the historic qualities of Grafton Center.

It is important the following facts are understood, shared with the public and the town boards involved:

- 1) The neighborhood wants senior affordable housing on 25 Worcester street in a collaboration with a well-known, highly regarded organization like our local Habitat for Humanity. Who has expressed strong interest in being involved with the building of affordable senior housing on 25 Worcester street.
- 2) The neighborhood wants the homes to be built there to be 100% senior affordable housing as Article 41 stated to those in attendance at the June 2020 town meeting.
- 3) The neighborhood wants transparency, a community wide awareness of the option for our community as a whole to have a voice and helping hand.
- 4) The Affordable Housing Trust has suggested a few plans with only 10% of the total units being "affordable senior housing" units VS the neighborhoods suggestion of collaborating with Habitat for Humanity where 100% of the units built will be "affordable senior housing".
- 5) The neighborhood has a majority of senior citizens and they are concerned with the topography of slope, needed grading, traffic issues, ground water issues, environmental contamination (old schools asbestos covered heating system, pipes) buried in the old school's foundation area.
- 6) The neighborhood is for senior affordable housing there, they hope our affordable housing trust, town leaders want senior affordable housing that is seamless, thoughtfully designed to fit in with the character of the old homes that make up the majority of the Grafton Common neighborhoods.
- 7) The neighborhood again asks the Affordable Housing Trust to invite the local Habitat for Humanity organizers to an upcoming AHT meeting to share their expertise, interest in partnering with the town of Grafton to build senior affordable housing on 25 Worcester street. The neighborhood wonders why the AHT would not be interested in collaborating with Habitat for Humanity in building a 100% affordable senior housing development to benefit Grafton's seniors. Habitat, is a well-known for its ability to sub-subsidize the total build cost with its well-known process. Massachusetts residents in many area communities such as Northboro, Westboro have benefitted when their communities have collaborated with Habitat for Humanity to build affordable housing.

It is hoped by the neighborhood that we as a caring, thoughtful community not complacently, negligently watch our town simply rush thru some plan(s) they have

pinned their sights. There are two other high-density apartment complexes in process of approval with the town of Grafton:

- 1) 8 Pine Street (the old State hospital site near Tufts) with apartments (only 10% affordable out of 180+) and mixed-use retail.
- 2) The old DPW site with apartments (only 10% affordable out of 300+) and mixed-use retail.

The State of Massachusetts 40B minimum threshold is a goal the town is wanting to meet as fast as possible, when met our town may at that time deny developers proposals for high density 40B development proposals, until of course the town grows more and the minimum continues to expand. The neighborhood hopes our community will be given the benefit of all options, reasoning for choices being suggested, together make choices we will be proud of 50 years from today.

Yours truly,

Joyce Kelley, a 25+ year "official" senior member of our community and a Veteran.



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[Town of Grafton MA] Select Board Meeting of April 20, 2021 (Sent by Ronald Warwick, ron.warwick@verizon.net)

Contact form at Town of Grafton MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Tue, Apr 27, 2021 at 8:09 PM

Reply-To: ron.warwick@verizon.net

To: the Select Board <BOS@grafton-ma.gov>

Hello the Select Board,

Ronald Warwick (ron.warwick@verizon.net) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.grafton-ma.gov/user/14856/contact>) at Town of Grafton MA.

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Message:

April 27, 2021

Grafton Select Board
Mr. Peter Carlson, Chairman

Dear Mr. Carlson

I have just viewed the Grafton Television Video of the Select Board Meeting of April 20, 2021. I was told the Board had, at this meeting, addressed a letter I sent to the Board on April 7, 2021 questioning a deed restriction on the property at 25 Worcester Street. I can't tell you how disappointed I was to view what is considered to be an acceptable response to communication from a citizen of the town. You did not read the letter, though it was very short, just four sentences. Anyone watching the meeting live or through the video would have absolutely no idea what the letter was about.

You simply turned to Mr. Prisby, who announced a communication from me and then proceeded to deliver a three minute monologue having nothing to do with my question.

Mr. Prisby said:

- He doesn't understand why there is confusion on the matter. Confusion exists because Mr. Prisby has failed to communicate.
- He says they have dealt with any number of concerns that have come in to them. I am on email distribution with 27 neighbors and abutters concerned with 25 Worcester Street, many have written to the Trust and not a single one has had a response to their concerns or answers to their questions.
- He says people are seeing the words 55+ developments and affordable housing developments and he doesn't understand why that's happening. It's happening because at two Zoom meetings of the Trust, members kept referring to (1) Affordable Housing, which has no age restriction, (2) Senior Housing, 24 Upton is to be Senior Housing and (3) Senior Affordable Housing which would actually be in agreement with the deed.
- He says we're getting to a tipping point. Tipping point is defined as a crisis stage in a process. What crisis is Mr. Prisby experiencing?
- He says people are making assumptions about motives and we're getting into character assassination. This is downright delusional.
- He says he's gotten death threats. The implication, as he is supposedly responding to my letter, is obvious.
- He says they are moving through ideas as they come into them. Please, show us the responses to the letters and emails from the public.
- He says if we don't understand something please email us and we'd be happy to go through them with people. See above.

- He says they are getting panic correspondence. Opposition to his project is not fear or hysteria, but "panic" does further the crisis narrative.

When Mr. Prisby stopped talking, you asked if there were any questions on the correspondence you had received. No one, including you Mr. Carlson, asked, "Are we going to answer Mr. Warwick's question?" No one said, "Is there truly a restriction in the deed?" No one said, "Should we send this to Town Council for their opinion?" No one said a word.

What am I to conclude from the Board's leadership on this issue since it didn't actually discuss my letter or agree to issue a response? I am sincerely disappointed in the members of the Select Board,

Ron Warwick
32 Worcester Street



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[Town of Grafton MA] Interested in applying for the EMD for the town (Sent by Kathy Cederberg, klcederberg@aol.com)

1 message

Contact form at Town of Grafton MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Thu, Apr 29, 2021 at 6:37 PM

Reply-To: klcederberg@aol.com

To: the Select Board <BOS@grafton-ma.gov>

Hello the Select Board,

Kathy Cederberg (klcederberg@aol.com) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.grafton-ma.gov/user/14856/contact>) at Town of Grafton MA.

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Message:

I have been involved with Grafton Emergency Management since at least 1999. I am currently the Deputy Emergency Manager and I understand that Ray Mead has resigned as EMD. I would like apply if the position is open.

Thank you,

Kathy Cederberg



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[Town of Grafton MA] Juneteenth petition: cost of holiday clarification (Sent by Amar Clark, clark42@gmail.com)

Contact form at Town of Grafton MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Thu, Apr 22, 2021 at 10:39 PM

Reply-To: clark42@gmail.com

To: the Select Board <BOS@grafton-ma.gov>

Hello the Select Board,

Amar Clark (clark42@gmail.com) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.grafton-ma.gov/user/14856/contact>) at Town of Grafton MA.

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Message:

Hi Evan,

Thanks for providing the data about the cost in "lost work" that would be incurred by adding a paid holiday to the town calendar. I have a few follow-up questions, and would appreciate any help in getting the answers so that whoever speaks on this (Jen Vacca, Julie Feeney or myself, will confirm) can be fully prepared for town meeting.

Can you clarify whether the \$22k figure was for a Monday's payroll or a Saturday's payroll? This year, Juneteenth would fall on a Saturday and the state does not get the Monday off.

I'm guessing if it were to fall on a Saturday, the holiday would not affect the "lost work" cost since those people would be working in a Saturday anyway?

Thanks again,
-Amar