

**Barrington Town Board Special Meeting
April 9, 2018 4:00 PM**

Present: John Kuehn, Nate Olney, Calvin Crosby, Sue Lange and Bryan Yarrington

Guests: Attorney Jeff Graff, Colleen Gan, Fred Goosen, Wendy Olney, Seth Olney, Larry Knapp, Steven Buglia (sp last name?)

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm with the pledge.

Kuehn asked Attorney Graff to tell us about himself.

Graff explained that he has done municipal law for about 20 years. He currently works with 15 towns including Benton, Jerusalem and Torrey. He does contract reviews, writes and reviews new laws etc. He does not do litigation. It is his goal to keep the towns he represents out of litigation. If we need an attorney for litigation there are several he can recommend. He does not attend very many town meetings as that just costs the town money. He recommends that when there is an issue the town consult him before the meeting. He encourages the chairs of the ZBA and Planning Board to reach out to him before they have a problem. He has done trainings for boards when they have new members to make sure they understand laws such as variances and site review.

He suggests that when we have a code review that we check with the Association of Towns as they may review for free.

He has a staff of two legal assistants. He has a partner who is partially retired.

Yarrington said that the clerks for Benton and Torrey spoke highly of him. None of the other board members had any additional questions.

Kuehn stated that the board would talk some more and get back to him soon. We have a meeting on the 25th.

Kuehn would like to compare the retainer agreement with what we have had in the past and check with local supervisors about their relationship with Attorney Graff. We will pass any additional questions we may have to Yarrington who will contact Attorney Graff.

Olney moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Yarrington. All board members voted aye. Meeting was adjourned at 4:23 PM.

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