

Town of Goshen
Select Board Meeting
Minutes of Meeting
November 23, 2020

Present: Bruce Nadeau, Dianne Craig, Steve Smith, Kevin Bevilacqua, Bonnie Belden, Trisha LaBoissier, Robert Lamb, Chief Peterson, Alicea Bursey, Cindy Rouillard

The meeting came to order at 5:31 pm.

- The check reports were reviewed and signed.
- Steve made a motion to accept the November 9th minutes, Dianne 2nd the motion. All in favor.
- Lempster Coach Bridge was discussed. Last year there was a warrant for \$75,000 for the bridge. The monies were appropriated from the unfund balance so taxes were not raised. The bridge was not completed because of the cost. The remaining balance of last year warrant will be incumbered into 2021. A warrant will be written for the balance of the bridge.
- Dianne updated the Select Board on the Grange. Contracts were signed for an electrician, plumber, insulation company, and site work. A dumpster was delivered, and the carpenters are working. The LCHIP grant was approved. Sandy Sonnichsen will apply for the USDA Grant for the septic.
- The health insurance contract was signed for 2021 budget.
- Dianne made a motion to apply for membership at Sam's Club, Bruce 2nd the motion. Steve was not in favor.
- The Select Board reviewed budgets for the highway department, Library, and Fire department. Bruce made a motion to accept the highway department budget, Dianne 2nd the motion. All in favor.
Steve made a motion to accept the Library budget, Bruce 2nd the motion. All in favor.
Dianne made a motion to accept the Fire Department budget, Steve 2nd the motion. All in favor.
- Steve made a motion to accept Debra Griswold as an alternat Library Trustee, Bruce 2nd the motion. All in favor.
- Bonnie Belden stated the shed at the library will be sold. The shed needs to be relocated to make room for the nature project. They will purchase a smaller shed.
The Selectboard stated they found no issues with the survey for the nature project Bonnie gave them at the last meeting.
- Alicea Bursey updated the Selectboard on the broadband project. Alicea stated the finial RFP's were done and sent to the Selectboard for review, and did they need to be run by an Attorney for legal review. Steve asked Cindy to send the RFP to the municipal lawyer as it has no cost. Cindy stated that she didn't think the Municipal lawyer reviews documents. Dianne stated just try and if the attorney does not review the RFP, she said to send the RFP by email and certified letter to the company's that respond to the ad. Dianne made a motion to accept the RFP with a few changes, Bruce 2nd the motion. All in favor.

- Steve read a letter to the audience from Allan Howe, School Board Chairman. The letter was dated November 6th. (see attached letter) Bruce disputed what was said in the letter regarding Ms. Whipple from Montessori school. Ms. Whipple called Cindy to be put on the agenda. Bruce stated the Selectboard had a fiduciary responsibility to speak with Ms. Whipple. Bruce asked a question in regards to the cost of the school. Bruce said the minutes from the meeting on November 9th speak for themselves.

Steve stated he has a right of freedom speech and freedom of the press as Steve is a member of the press. As a parent he has a 1st amendment right to speak as a citizen. Steve is not discussing the School as a Selectman. The Selectboard never discussed anything in a quorum in regards to anything to do with the school. The Select board and School board need to work together for the community.

Bruce made a motion to accept the letter from Allan Howe, Steve 2nd the motion. All in favor.

- The Select board discussed an email sent to Cindy in regards to the employees not wearing a mask at the transfer station. Cindy stated she would speak with Keven to ask the employees if they are too close to the residents to put a mask on. Dianne asked why the barriers were taken down and wants them put back up.

Bruce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm, Steve 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

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