

Monday, June 27, 2022



## Board of Selectmen Minutes

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In attendance: Steve Smith (Chair), Dianne Craig (Selectman), Derek Tremblay (Selectman), Bonnie Belden, Alicea Bursey, John Scranton, Gail Paludi, Laurie Wilkinson, Jim Carrick, Barbara Paronto, James Romer, Chief Ed Anderson.

Meeting called to order by Steve Smith at 6:30PM

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **Consent Agenda:**

- Dianne motioned to accept consent agenda, Derek seconded. Motion passed all in favor.

### **Review Minutes:**

- Minutes from June 13th, Derek motioned to accept minutes as edited, Dianne seconded. Motion passed all in favor.

### **Appointments:**

#### **SAU #102 Joint Meeting - Grange Discussion**

- Joint meeting began at 6:34 PM
- Laurie Wilkinson (Chair of Goshen School Board) addressed the Board of Selectmen expressing concerns and questions regarding the Grange.
- Chair Wilkinson asked about the timeline for occupancy. Steve said the Board has discussed the process and the Selectmen want to make this as easy as possible for everyone. Dianne said the Town was hoping for July 1 move in date, but the building will not be ready by then.
- Mr. Carrick interjected and asked the manner in which this meeting will transpire; if all had to be call upon by the Chair. Steve said he wanted this meeting to have both boards sit around and talk, and waved any formalities of a meeting.
- Dianne said we are hoping from the middle of August to end of August to have the building completed. So a Sept 1 move in would be more realistic.

- Dianne discussed with Superintendent Paludi having fiber internet installed. Superintendent Paludi discussed when she would be available for fiber install.
- Chair Wilkinson asked how a lease would work, would the school board would be charged. Steve said the Board of Selectmen came up with a \$1 lease for the SAU, not deciding if it would be \$1 a month or \$1 a year. Superintendent Paludi asked if the SAU would then have to pay for their percentage of heat and electric. Steve said yes and this is why the Board wanted both to meet, so could work this out together. At this point, the BOS doesn't know exactly how the costs would work out.
- Superintendent Paludi asked who would be using the building at what time, since she is part time. Ed said the police is also part time.
- Steve said he believes the building needs to be kept at a certain temperature because of the historic plaster.
- Chair Wilkinson asked, as of now in the Town Hall, do other town entities budget for their specific electric budgets. Ed said no.
- Steve said the SAU is not the Town of Goshen budget, the SAU has their own budget. In budgeting, the BOS can show how much the Grange costs taxpayers, and the SAU can show how much operating the SAU costs.
- Mr. Carrick said he finds the justification for a lease somewhat disturbing, that sets up the potential for some changes down the road. He believes we will be double taxing at town meeting for electricity and those things, which has never had to happen before. He doesn't see a value in signing a lease agreement. He doesn't know if the current BOS has discussed any future endeavors in the town using the Grange. He stated the police department stands to grow expeditiously over time in the Town. Mr. Carrick said the police has one little corner office in the Grange and asked how long will they remain in that office? He asked what the plan was for Planning Board, where will their office be? He said they also need security. He felt the BOS was throwing something at the SAU that was unjustified.
- Steve responded, again, the Board wanted to make this process as easy as possible and he is concerned that Mr. Carrick is making it harder then it needs to be. Steve said we are here trying to work with the SAU and have a memo of understanding.
- Derek said the difficulties of the Grange have been, over time, there have been different visions for the what Grange was supposed to be for. He stated the Board would like to have a memo of understanding so both share the true cost of the building, so each organization's have a true cost of operations; it's a good matter of

practice to reflect true costs. He proposed in the first year, everybody working together to share the costs. Not knowing what the costs will be become a challenge.

- The group talked about different concepts the Grange was going to have, including town offices, storage, police and more.
- Mrs Paronto asked if the Town has itemized statements for buildings. She suggested contacting a real estate agent to figure out the square footing of office space, including heat and electricity, and then have actual figures to work with.
- Superintendent Paludi asked what the understanding is for the expected use of the Grange for the year? She felt it would be simpler if it was spelled out for the year. Derek said with heat and electric, the costs should not be that high and are small in comparison to the rest of each's budgets. He restated doing a memo of understanding, and then proposed, in the MOU, to have a date to reconvene and discuss the future.
- Chair Wilkinson said things are hard with the School budget since they don't know what the cost of electric will be. Derek stated when Christine Downing came to the BOS last year, she had said the SAU had \$10,000 set aside for the Grange. Superintendent Paludi said the school board did retain \$10,000 last year for this year for Grange expenses. For example, the School Board had to buy a computer and printer, and used that \$10,000. Mr. Carrick said some of that money needs to be set aside for internet. Superintendent Paludi said the internet is free, but they will have to pay for phone, furniture, and things like that. Mr. Carrick said to the BOS that they are saying free, but the SAU has an \$1,100 bill. Superintendent Paludi corrected Mr. Carrick saying that was for Voice Over IP through phone, not internet.
- Mrs Paronto said she still feels it is important to contact a Realtor to find the true costs for that many square feet.
- Mr. Carrick said this is a function of the Town of Goshen, and anyone who has a meeting, be it Zoning Board, Planning Board, Budget Committee, has to use electric, the buildings are a function of the government. He doesn't understand why things have to be so finite, when the accounting process isn't that necessary .
- Dianne said the BOS discussed this all with Christine (past School Board Chair) last year. She said the BOS doesn't know what the building is going to cost either and the BOS didn't budget for the building either, as there were not costs associated with that building.

- Mrs Paronto asked since the Town isn't charging the SAU rent to hold their meeting at the Town Hall, why would the BOS charge the SAU now? Derek said no one here is talking about charging rent to anyone. Mr. Carrick quickly responded that the Town isn't charging the highway department. Steve asked Mr. Carrick to calm down and not be so tense, saying the BOS is trying to work with them. Mr. Carrick said he is not tense and is stating issues he sees as a taxpayer and school board member. Steve said if we follow his model on this, then the School will cost the Town of Goshen's budget money. Mr. Carrick said the school is costing the taxpayers money. Steve responded that they are costing the Town's budget money, and said what Mr. Carrick is saying is he is asking the Town to carry the School's budget. Chair Wilkinson said that's not the case. Steve said he doesn't agree with that either, but that is how it feels.
- Mr. Carrick said when the Grange was accepted by the town, there was not to be any taxpayer money put into that building. Steve said that is not true; he has listened to that town meeting and said Mr. Carrick made an untrue statement. Steve said it's an urban legend, that no money was ever to be spent on that building.
- Mrs Paronto asked if we were just talking about heat and electricity. The answer was yes.
- Derek said this project has been in motion for a long time and predates the present Selectmen. He asked Chair Wilkinson if she was comfortable with the Selectman drafting something. Chair Wilkinson said the School Board is not there yet.
- Dianne restated that the Board of Selectmen did not budget for the Grange utilities this year; if the School office moves to the Grange, the Selectmen will have to cover the expenses for the School Board.
- Mr. Carrick said that either the Selectmen or the School Board will have to pass the costs of the building down to the taxpayer, since both are arms of the Town of Goshen. He doesn't know if it possible for the accounting to be separated. He said if the Grange starts to cost too much money, then it might be best to find alternative fuels or to shut the building down.
- Superintendent Paludi said there are more expenses then just heat and electric. Dianne said the Board has most of the answers for the School Board. Chair Wilkinson wanted to go through her list. Dianne said snow removal will be plowed, upkeep of the building is on the Town, insurance will covered by the school (Superintendent Paludi confirmed the School's insurance), and cleaning and trash removal - the Town is interviewing a possible candidate on Tuesday, Derek said, in

regard to cleaning, it takes common sense practices and working together to keep things clean. Dianne said the grounds will be upkeep by town, parking will have one designated spot. Chair Wilkinson said they are worried about the fire crew parking and that people might block the fire station.

- Mr. Carrick said he heard a rumor that the fire company has been grumbling about people parking at the Grange for the school. Dianne said she assumes no one should park in front of the fire station during a meeting. Steve said they don't at town meeting. Derek said its good practice for the school to have an open dialogue with the Fire Department.
- Dianne said access to the building would include department heads and safety services. But not all would have access to the school's office.
- Dianne wasn't sure on security. Superintendent Paludi expressed liability on not having security. Chief Anderson said the town uses Tasco. Superintendent Paludi was concerned about someone breaking in and concerned about safety for people walking out side in the dark.
- Sprinklers - Steve spoke with Bruce Nadeau, Building Code Enforcer. Bruce said because of the grant used, sprinklers can't be installed. However Sandra Sonnichsen contacted Steve and said they can be put in. That said, there is nothing saying the town has to have the smoke alarms or sprinklers in the building however the Town still can do it, even if the Town puts in the non-hardwired ones. Sprinklers would have to put in on the outside of the historic plaster, with pipes hanging from ceiling.
- Dianne said the building is ADA compliant and there is no issue there.
- Dianne said it's the School's responsibility to lock up their own stuff for security.
- Derek requested a list of what's important to the School so a Memo of Understanding can be reached. Superintendent Paludi said their questions are what needs to be addressed and listed in the MOU.
- Chair Wilkinson said she believes it should be the Selectmen who come up with the MOU.
- Mr. Carrick expressed concerns on the second door on the way into the building, so it can be locked, incase anyone come in. Steve said he agrees with Mr. Carrick, but doesn't know if that door and door frame is unchangeable because of the restrictive nature of the grant used to fund the upgrades to the building.

- Derek asked the School Board if when they go back and discuss among themselves, they can let the Selectmen know if they decide not to move into the Grange.
- Mr. Carrick asked what needs to be done at the Grange that still needs to be done. Dianne said the building still needs to be cleaned. She added lots of the final work is being done by volunteers, as the Town has run out of grant money. People have been donating their time to wrap up this project.
- At 7:39 pm discussion ended with the Goshen School Board.

### **Chief Ed Anderson**

- Discussion transpired on doing background checks on employees who enter the Police office

### **James Romer - Unity Mapping**

- Mr Romer discussed the GIS mapping project he is doing for Unity, looking for current lot lines, for the small part of Charlestown, Goshen, and Claremont, the original town of Unity, before it was split off.
- He explained how towns were granted during the original colony days.
- Mr Romer has reached out to Cindy Rouliard several times. He requested the GIS map on zip drive; Charlestown gave him their information.
- Mrs Paronto stated the work he is doing has significant historical importance.
- Dianne made a motion to give Mr Romer the Geo Data , Derek seconded it. Motion passed, all in favor.
- Mr Romer also requested an old map of the land owners of where the Gunnison Lake is now, since one of the lost corners of Unity is where the corner of the dam is. He spoke with Cindy Rouliard and she said the old maps are up in the Town Hall attic. Steve said when or if the Board finds those maps, he will be alerted.

### **Barbara Paronto - Transfer Station Flyer**

- Mrs Paronto discussed the flyer for the transfer station she created. The Board thought it looked good and was fine with it being distributed to residents when they go to the Transfer Station.
- She has the file saved and it can be updated when needed, if the prices go up.
- Steve asked Mrs Paronto about Goshen's perambulation.

### **Alicea Bursey - Planning Board Update**

- Mrs Bursey asked for an update on the key for downstairs. Steve said he hadn't asked and apologized.
- She spoke of a driveway permit.
- She asked if the joint meeting for Planning Board, Budget Committee and Selectmen has been posted yet. Steve said it hasn't been posted.
- She asked about other CIP projects to be added. Steve said there are none as of right now, but it's a living document and more may come down the line.
- She discussed a lot line adjustment

### **Public Comments:**

- None

### **Communications:**

- Administrative Assistant - Cindy is not in attendance
- Board of Selectmen
  - Dianne said the grant was approved for the Local Emergency Operations Plan.
    - Dianne motioned to accept the State of New Hampshire grant to update the Local Emergency Operation Plan (LEOP) for \$7,000; \$3,500 is the grant / \$3,500 will be paid for by the town by volunteers. Steve seconded. The Select Board, in a unanimous vote, accepted the terms of the Emergency Management performance Grnat, as presented in the amount of \$3,500 to update the community's Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP). Furthermore, the Board acknowledges that the total cost of this project will be \$7,000 in which the town will be responsible for a 50% match (\$3,500).
  - Steve said the issue on Rand Pond Road, previously discussed, was taken care of by the Highway Dept.

## **Old Business**

### **FEMA Update:**

- Dianne said two weeks ago there was no meeting. There was one last week, but Highway was unable to attend. There might be a meeting tomorrow, unless Cindy and Kevin can not attend. Steve said Kevin has been on vacation, Dianne said Cindy needs to attend these FEMA meetings.

### **Painting Of Town Buildings Update:**

- Dianne reached out to Ron and asked him to contact Ernie Dennis regarding the info Ernie gave the Selectmen last meeting.
- She stated the painting is coming along on the Town Hall.

### **One Ton Truck:**

- An agreement was presented to the Town from Key Chevy in Newport for the new one ton for \$80,000. It's a 2022 GMC Sierra. Steve signed the agreement.
- Steve said the Selectmen are the only ones who can sell Town equipment and the Board discussed using different websites for municipals to sell items, including <https://municibid.com>. This is a website Hanover uses often. Steve will look into Municibid to see how it works. The old used truck does not need to be sold today. Dianne said we should look at selling off other equipment the Town doesn't use. Derek suggested the new Road Agent be involved.

### **Job Interviews**

- Steve said there is nothing the Board can say in public but acknowledged that the BOS has held several job interviews for positions posted. More interviews are forthcoming.

### **Culvert funding**

- Steve talked with Kevin today. He said he is still working on getting all that's needed done for the culvert funding. It's due July 1st

### **New Business:**

- None.



## **Standing Items**

- None

Derek motioned to adjourn. Dianne seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectively submitted by Steven Smith