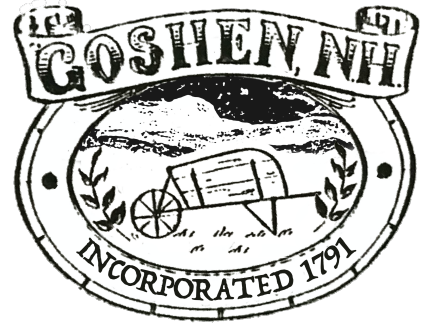


Tuesday, August 2, 2022



Board of Selectmen Minutes

In attendance: Steve Smith (Chair), Dianne Craig (Selectman), Derek Tremblay (Selectman),

Meeting called to order by Steve Smith at 4:07 PM

PA 28 Form:

- Dianne said she spoke with the assessors today. The State sent the Selectmen a form that has to be sent back that says if we are or are not using the PA 28 Form. Dianne made a motion that the Town of Goshen does not use the PA 28 Form for 2023 to gather information for accessing. Steve seconded.
- Discussion: It is the form that would have to be sent out to every resident, there would be a cost to the Town if this form was used, and it is not necessary to use this form. Derek asked if there was an alternative form of some kind. Dianne said no, but you can use the form or you don't have to. The Town never has used this form.
- Motion passed, all in favor.

Road Agent Position:

- It was determined since we are not talking about any specific candidate, and they are not present, the BOS would not go into non-public to discuss hiring a Road Agent.
- One of the candidates had emailed in checking on status of the hiring process. Derek had not responded as Derek needed to talk to the Board first.
- Derek asked if we should send an offer letter to this candidate. Steve and Dianne said yes. Derek will draft an offer letter and will use the benefit package that was created at the last meeting.
- The Board discussed hourly wage proposed.

Highway Position:

- A candidate had dropped off an application at the Town Hall for the Highway Department. He had run into Steve on Monday and was told to put application in at Town Hall. He had said he is not interested in the Road Agent position.

- Dianne said she spoke with Joel and he says that are lots of things needed to be done right now that require two people on the job. Joel is currently working alone. Derek said in addition to the jobs that require two people, sometimes it comes down to safety on the job site as well. Dianne said if the Board can not find the right candidate for Road Agent, it might be wise to find another laborer to work in the Dept.

FEMA Update:

- The FEMA meeting is next Tuesday at 9am. Dianne had misspoken at last meeting and corrected the meeting date. FEMA will be walking the roads with Dianne, Joel and Brandon Stocker. She said Derek and Steve are welcome to attend as well. Steve said if either of them also attend, then it's a legal meeting and needs to be posted.

Requested Wedding At Gunnison Lake / Williamson Park

- Jennifer Boyd reached out to the Selectmen. She would like to hold a 10 minute wedding ceremony at Gunnison Lake / Williamson Park on Sept 17, 2022 at 3pm. 35 guests are expected, guests will be standing, and the only equipment brought in would be portable speakers.
- Steve motioned to allow Jennifer Boyd to hold her brief wedding ceremony on September 17th at 3pm at Gunnison Lake / Williamson Park. Derek seconded. Steve and Derek voted yes. Dianne needed to leave the meeting to pick up her granddaughter and did not return for the remainder of discussion.

Review of Minutes:

- July 11th minutes were reviewed. Derek proposed and edit. Derek motioned to accept with edit. Steve seconded. Motion passed
- July 14th minutes were reviewed. Derek motioned to accept. Steve seconded. Motion passed
- July 18th minutes were reviewed. Derek motioned to accept. Steve seconded. Motion passed

Letter of Support for Consolidated Communications:

- Steve sent the letter last week as previously discussed

Email to the Selectman:

- The Board of Selectmen received an email from a resident in complaint regarding their neighbor's property. The complaint is that they believe this property is becoming a junk yard.
- Derek says any discussion at this point is a matter of record; no action items can be taken at this time. He asked Steve what the Board can do about this.
- Steve said he sent the email to Bruce Nadeau, Health Inspector. Steve says he could not find an RSA limiting the number of vehicles owned on a property. At this point, he suggests awaiting Bruce's recommendations.
- Derek asked if Health Inspector doesn't make a recommendation, how can a town protect itself. He noted overhearing Cindy Williams being verbally assaulted by a resident once that was upset with other people in town having their property look like a junk yard. He believes the Board may have a responsibility to take care of this.
- Steve believes, without a town ordinance, people have the legal right to keep their property how they want it to look. Derek said some towns do have ordinances about this. Derek said he if one were to be created, he would want to do a town ordinance in the public, with their input and discussion. He asked if it could be put before the town voters at town meeting. Steve believes you could put on a warrant article.
- Steve said he spoke with State Representative Steve Smith this morning regarding town ordinances. Rep Smith said for a town to create an ordinance, the State has to have an RSA allowing them to create the ordinance.
- Derek said he doesn't want to restrict people's freedoms, but also is worried about the concerns that constituents have. Steve said he is stuck between keeping good esthetics of a town Vs the rights of a property owner.
- Steve suggested tabling the discussion. Derek asked to keep the discussion, so more people can be involved.
- He asked if it is appropriate to let the property owner know there was a complaint. Steve said he thinks it is. The Board agreed that Steve would talk to him to let him know, in a nice way.

Day To Day Operations:

- Steve spoke with Heather. She said she is learning more about the town's books. This will be a work in progress.

Babb Brook “Bridge Out” Sign

- The Selectmen received an email from Allen Howe stating the sign on the Lempster side of the road that says “bridge out.” Steve went to the highway garage, grabbed a barricade and put it up at the site. Joel told Steve 2 “bridge out” signs have been stolen this year. Joel is ordering more “Stop” signs. The ones ordered this year never came in. There are some roads without signs and those signs are needed.

Brook Road Paving - Signs Still Out

Derek asked about the NH DOT’s work on Brook Road. DOT has left signs out. Steve said they are not done with the road, it’s not painted yet. He suggests waiting until the project is finished and see if the State picks up their signs.

Damage From Last Storm

- Derek thinks that there are parts of Cross Road that could be compromised.
- Derek said Joel went out to the Costello property to put material down, as that washed out again this year.
- Steve thinks the biggest problem is the roads are not crowned properly and we don’t have great ditches. Derek said he knows that material was hard to get after the floods last year & mud season this year, but many of our dirt roads have rocks all over it, that it’s probably because when the grader went over it this year, all those rocks were dragged down the road. The roads are bumpier now. He hopes taxpayers can approve setting more money aside next year to get better material for our roads.

Steve motioned to adjourn, Derek seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed. Meeting is adjourned at 4:32 pm.

Respectively submitted by Steven Smith