

Monday, October 10, 2022



Board of Selectmen Minutes

In attendance: Steve Smith (Chair), Dianne Craig (Selectman), Derek Tremblay (Selectman), Bonnie Belden, Alicea Bursley, Gail Paludi, Laurie Wilkinson, Jim Carrick, Barbara Paronto, Peter Brigham, Kirsten Hershey, Trisha Labossiere, Bruce Hodgeman, Steve Belden, ShaeDel Simino

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Review Minutes:

- Minutes from Sept 26, 2022, Dianne made minor edits to the minutes. Steve motioned to accept minutes as edited, Dianne seconded. Motion passed all in favor. Minutes were finalized and sent to Melissa via email.

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 in discussion regarding the MOU between the SAU 102 & Board of Selectmen regarding the Grange usage. She said she understands that both bodies need to pay their fair share, but it is difficult to budget next year's expenses not knowing what the expenses will be.
- Previously the BOS had revised the MOU proposal the SAU had sent. One request the SAU expressed is inclusion of video cameras in the building. Dianne had said the Grange budget has been spend and no camera system is budgeted or planned.
- Discussion transpired regarding a moving in date. The SAU requested to have the building cleaned before they move in.
- Dianne said, in regard to video cameras, the best thing for the SAU to do would be to go to Best Buy and get a camera security system; they are very affordable these days. She said Chief Anderson will be bringing his security cameras over to the

Grange once he moves in, however they will be only for the Police office. Steve explained that the Police Dept needs to be monitored at all times; the police department has sensitive data that is required to be monitored.

- Gail said the SAU has thousands of dollars of equipment and asked if a different door lock could be put on the door. She said the SAU has personal information regarding students that can not be seen by the general public. Steve asked if their file cabinets locked. Gail said yes, but they would still like additional security; the door has a glass window.
- It was noted that only a few people will have access and keys to the Grange, including the historical society. Dianne said it'll be a key at the Town Hall for department heads to grab if they need access to the Grange.
- Jim Carrick expressed frustration and how slow the process has gone. Steve acknowledged that frustration and commented that only Town work can be done in an actual meeting; with the Selectmen meeting just twice a month, and having to wait for the school board's MOU, the timeline feels long however both boards have acted as fast as possible based on their restrictions. Jim feels there has been no give and take from the Selectmen. Steve said he would like to come to a resolution tonight and things moving tomorrow and asked how the BOS can move forward right now, instead of casting blame or fault.
- Derek said he is in fully support of the SAU installing their own cameras, so they have full access and not have to ask Chief Anderson for the video and doesn't believe the Selectmen should have access to the SAU's video.
- Discussion continued of what the cost of the building will be. It's hard to determine what the true cost will be without seeing what they have been. Both the BOS and SAU don't know what the real expenses will be.
- Steve asked what the SAU is looking for, if they want to pay for this year, or if they want the Town to cover their expenses for this year, and then the Town tell them what the costs were that year & figure out the budget from there. Or would the SAU like to pay a little bit of the share of expenses? Laurie said the School is not looking to get things for free and understands that everything has a cost. She says the payment ultimately all comes from town money. She says the use of the building isn't just the School Board, or the Town, but there are others who may use the Grange, so there are lots of unknowns of costs. She says, as a taxpayer, she thinks the Selectman should put the expenses on their budget.

- Steve said his frustration is if the SAU had to rent an office space that was not town owned property, there would be costs that would be 100% encumbered by the School District. He said that isn't the case here, and we are all working together. He said, as a tax payer, he is concerned what the School District costs; what does it cost to have the SAU.
- Derek said he is in full support of a one year grace period of "figuring things out," so the Town can do a full account of what the costs are in the Grange.
- Steve made a motion for a one year grace period to the SAU beginning Oct 1st, with the Town paying all expenses. Discussion took place noting the building was not ready for them to move in on Oct 1st, and they still have security concerns, so the Oct 1st date would not work. Steve rescinded his motion. He said the BOS could do a year grace from the SAU move in date.
- Peter said the SAU can go back to their next School Board meeting and discuss within themselves to see if they would like to buy cameras.
- Derek said, he would love to be able to sign something soon to get this process moved along. Jim said no way; there is still too much to iron out, including who is cleaning the building. Dianne said we had already talked about this and the group talked more about cleaning the Grange; Dianne said she can have the building cleaned for when they are ready to move in. Jim also stated that more needs to be figured out, like who is plowing, who does the maintenance, and more. Dianne informed him we have already talked about & agreed on this before. Peter told Jim that it's in the MOU. Jim said the MOU is so general from both sides. Steve said that the Selectmen agreed to the proposals made by the School Board and made just a couple small adjustments. Peter said that the Selectboard is working with the School Board here.
- Trisha said to Jim if the Library has if they have an issue with the Library, they call the Selectboard. If the Highway has an issue with the Highway, they call the Selectboard. That's just the way it is. Peter said if there is an issue, the School Board should turn to the Select Board. Gail said, based on what Trish said, she knows to call Mellisa if there an issue. Steve said that's the best way (to contact Melissa) because the Selectman can not create a quorum to discuss things.
- Steve said the Selectmen will give the School Board a one year grace period from the date of move in; Dianne said she will have the grange cleaned this week for the School Board can move in. Dianne and Gail discussed furniture. Discussion with the School Board ended at 7:22

Bob Hodgeman

- Mr Hodgeman asked the Selectmen what will be happening with Shoals Road. He wanted to make sure the Town hadn't forgotten about his request. Shae said he looked at the road and believes to get rid of the ruts in the middle of the paved roads, the entire road would have to be torn up and redone. Mr Hodgeman and Shae discussed ditching; Shae will work on the ditches this fall.
- Mr Hodgeman asked if the road would be redone. Steve said it would have to be up to the towns people to vote on to redo that road.

ShaeDel Simino

- Grading of the roads are done for the fall. The roller has been returned.
- He is getting married Friday. All wished him well.
- He is working with Consolidated Communications for fiber at the Town Garage.
- The garage door spring broke. LaValleys has a new one on order

Public Comments:

Kirsten Hershey

- She asked about what is happening with her neighbor, Mr Stadtmiller's property. Steve said the Board drafted a cease and desist that needs to be reviewed by Chief Anderson. Steve suggested holding a special meeting the next week before the Oct 20th deadline. The Board agreed on Oct 18th at 6:30pm. Ms Hershey said that she has a no trespass against Mr Stadtmiller that begins on Oct 20th, so he will not be allowed on her property. Ms Hershey asked how the Town plans to move forward, in which she was told the Town will act on the advice given to them from Chief Anderson and legal council. She was told the best way to contact Melissa would be over email.

Bonnie Belden

- Bonnie informed the Board about the upcoming ground breaking ceremony at the Library.

Communications:

- Administrative Assistant - Melissa is not in attendance
- Board of Selectmen
 - Derek
 - Derek updated on the Planning Board. He said Kayla ran the Planning Board meeting, as she is in training to be the Chair of the Planning Board. He said that Alicea Bursey will soon be resigning from the Planning Board. Discussion transpired on how Alicea's seat would be filled. Per RSA 673:2 II (c)- the Planning Board votes to fill their seats; it is not the duty of the Selectmen to fill empty seats on the Planning Board. Derek talked about the thought process of the Planning Board picking its new Chair. Derek thought Alicea should be acknowledged for her service to the town. Alicea said she is resigned for personal reasons. In talking about her leaving, Derek said she said it was time for a transition of some kind. Dianne asked if Alicea was staying on Zoning Board, in which she said she was for now. Discussion took place on what would happen if the Planning Board were to all resign, whose duty is it to fill the Board.
 - Derek talked about the housing bill Gov Sununu signed, that speeds up response time with local government.

Old Business

Employee Policy:

- Derek thinks we should have the policy on a projector and the Board work on it line by line. He is going to, for the next meeting, get a template that the Board can work on to revise and make applicable to Goshen.
- He could use the Lempster policy as a template. He thinks the Board should segment 30 minutes a meeting to work on the policy. Steve said he would like to get this policy done and move forward. Dianne said the next meeting is the Health Trust meeting; Derek said that conversation with them will feed the employee policy.

Budgets:

- Dianne said the departments are working on their budgets; everyone is using the same format so it's easier for all.

Computer

- Alicea asked if the computer, that was approved, can it be purchased? She said it was voted on for \$2,000 for one brand new laptop. Steve said if she can save the

town some money and get something for less than \$2,000, the taxpayers would appreciate that.

Selectman's email responses

- Derek and Dianne addressed several emails that have come in to the Selectman's email address.

New Business:

- None

Standing Items

- None

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

Respectively submitted by Steven Smith