

Monday, February 12, 2024



## Board of Selectmen Minutes – FINAL APPROVED

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In attendance: Dianne Craig (Chair), Alicea Burse (Member), Shae Simino

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Board called the meeting to order at 6:54pm.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **Review of minutes (January 22, 2024):**

Tabled until review can occur by quorum of attendees.

#### **Review of minutes (February 5, 2024):**

Dianne Craig motioned to approve the minutes of February 5, 2024 "as is". Alicea Burse seconded. All were in favor. Minutes were approved "as is".

#### **Road Agent Update:**

Mr. Simino reviewed his draft submission response for the application to the Clean Diesel Grant. The Town is pending its review with the Governor's Council. Updates will continue to be provided.

Mr. Simino discussed road posting updates. He will wait to see how the weather is this week, but expects that around March 1<sup>st</sup>, postings may be active. The Board also discussed vehicle traffic on the lake road which is currently a snowmobile trail. The Board will have the Secretary email or the Twin Ridge Snowmobile club to see if they would like the Town to shut the gate. Mr. Simino provided contact information for the club. Language for the email to the club was drafted and is below.

*Dear Judith Wilson,*

*The Goshen Board of Selectmen met on February 12, 2024. During that time, it was reported that the weekend previous, vehicle traffic was observed on the Gunnison Lake Road which is currently the snowmobile trail. The Board would like to work with the club to make sure the needs of the trail are met at this time of the year. Our question is would you like us to close the gate?*

*Respectfully,*

*Goshen Board of Selectmen*

Mr. Simino shared the Highway department worked on rut removal today in preparation for potential re-freezing.

The Highway Department has received a detailed logbook for the roads and Highway Department activities that will provide a daily record for the roads and vehicles for future reference. The logbook will chronicle one year's worth of activities. This will assist with various reports, including FEMA.

Mr. Simino provided an update on the Assistant Road Agent search. Currently there are no responsive applicants. There was a discussion on back-up plans for if the search is not completed before a change in staffing occurs. The Indeed.com search is not working. The Board discussed advertising in the Kearsarge Shopper. Ms. Craig suggested a quarter page ad in the Kearsarge Shopper which runs about \$138 per week. The position posting will include the title, a brief description of the role, contact information, and "for more information" details. Ms. Bursey will also resubmit the advertisement to PW and NHMA. Ms. Bursey will also draft an advertisement for the Kearsarge Shopper.

***Alicea Bursey made a motion to cancel the Indeed.com advertisement for the Assistant Road Agent position. Dianne Craig seconded the motion. All were in favor. The advertisement will be cancelled.***

**Pre-review of the Warrant Article and Signature:**

The Warrant article was discussed and signed in preparation for voting day. The Board reviewed the article for spelling and formatting.

**Board Meeting Schedule:**

For March meetings will be March 11, 12 (voting day), and the 25. Ms. Craig will provide the dates to the Secretary for posting and planning.

The Board also discussed extending the number of meetings per month to meet the growing needs of the community. There was not a full Board at this meeting, this item will be discussed at the February 26, 2024 meeting.

**Cease and Desist Discussion:**

***Alicea Bursey motioned to go into Executive Session*** citing RSA 91A:3e, "Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed by or against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or by or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled. Any application filed for tax abatement, pursuant to law, with any body or board shall not constitute a threatened or filed litigation against any public body for the purposes of this subparagraph." ***Dianne Craig seconded the motion. All were in favor. The Board entered Executive Session at 8:20pm.***

***Dianne Craig motioned to adjourn and seal the minutes. Alicea Bursey seconded the motion. All were. The Board exited the Executive Session at 8:24pm and the minutes will be sealed.***

**FEMA (Brickyard Road):**

Since there was no public present, nor was there a full Board. This item will be discussed at the February 26, 2024 Board of Selectmen meeting.

**Performance Reviews:**

The reviews will be discussed at the February 26 meeting to schedule them for March 12.

**Planning Board Update:**

The Board will confirm Board representation will occur at the March 7 Planning Board Public Hearing for the Davis Pit at the February 26, 2024 Board meeting.

**Alicea Bursey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dianne Craig seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:46pm**