

Monday, July 1, 2024



Board of Selectmen Minutes – FINAL APPROVED

Board Members Present: Dianne Craig (Chair, Selectmen); Alicea Bursey (Selectmen); Derek Tremblay (Vice-Chair, Selectmen)

Guest (s): Bruce Nadeau, Judy Martz, Bonnie Belden, Recording Secretary Melissa Salinardi

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board signed and reviewed the consent agenda.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Craig called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPOINTMENTS

- **Building Inspector Position:**

Alicea Bursey motioned to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c), "Matters that, if discussed in public, would adversely affect the reputation of someone other than a member of the public body. However, if that person requests it, the meeting must be public. Such matters include any application for assistance or tax abatement, or waiver of fees or fines based on poverty or inability to pay." Derek Tremblay seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Alicea Bursey-yes; Derek Tremblay-yes; Dianne Craig-yes; 3-0.

The Board invited Bruce Nadeau into the Non-Public Session.

The Board entered non-public session at 6:32 p.m.

The Board discussed a hiring matter.

Alicea Bursey motioned to come out of the Non-Public Session at 6:45 p.m. Dianne Craig seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Alicea Bursey-yes; Derek Tremblay; Alicea Bursey-yes; 3-0.

- **Solar Farm Discussion:** Judy Martz joined the Board to discuss solar farms. The concern was that Goshen's ordinances do not necessarily account for solar farm installations. Judy Martz suggested that the Town monitor any potential installations and adopt solar farm ordinances. She mentioned that the Zoning Board can start to formulate ordinances that pertain to this type of development. The Board agreed that the ordinances should be updated to include the installation of solar farms.

Bruce Nadeau and Judy Martz left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

- **Library Update:** Bonnie Belden gave an update on the status of Discovery Park. She shared that a representative from the Land Water and Conservation Fund came to do a mid-grant trail inspection. The representative was pleased with the progress and offered some suggestions for improvement and next steps. Bonnie stated that the Town insurance will need to be contacted to certify the play area and NHDES will also be contacted regarding a small area that contains an old well.

Bonnie Belden mentioned that the park benches were assembled and were placed in the area, along with picnic tables, and an arbor swing. Other play items have been ordered and more items will be added to the area. Dianne Craig asked if there was a tentative open date. Bonnie stated that the slide will not be installed until next year and that hopefully by next year the park can be opened.

Bonnie Belden stated that the match amount for the grant has been reached but that the Library was still ordering engraved pavers for those who may be interested in further supporting the maintenance and improvement of the area. The Board asked the status of the Town reimbursement portion. Melissa Salinardi stated that after several months of communication and waiting for a response from the state, all documents have been submitted and she will follow-up on the timeframe for the reimbursement.

Bonnie Belden stated that the Library received grant funding which was expended on upgrade to technology, library equipment and comfortable seating. She also mentioned that the new windows and door have been installed.

Bonnie mentioned that the Library Trustees are interested in joining forces with the Board of Selectmen to plan for and establish a Goshen Old Home Day. The Board explained that the thought would be to start with a day designated for this event every 5-years and then if more people are interested it could become an annual event. Alicea Bursey mentioned that a committee for this event would have to be formed and decisions would be primarily made by the committee with the overseeing by the Board of Selectmen. Dianne Craig suggested that something be posted on the website and Town Facebook account to see if anyone was interested in volunteering. Alicea Bursey will be posting information online and a sign-up sheet will be placed in the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office.

The Board had no further questions or concerns.

Bonnie Belden left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Review of Minutes (June 10, 2024):**

Alicea Bursey motioned to approve the meeting minutes of June 10, 2024 "as is". Derek Tremblay seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried, 3-0.

- **Review of Minutes (June 24, 2024):**

Alicea Bursey motioned to approve the meeting minutes of June 24, 2024 "as is". Dianne Craig seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried, 2-0. Derek Tremblay abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT UPDATES

- **Copier:** The Board reviewed the copier agreement provided by Connected Office Technologies. The Board has no further questions or concerns.

Alicea Bursey motioned to enter into a 5-year lease agreement with Connected Office Technologies for the lease of a new copier to be located at the Town Hall (Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office). Derek Tremblay seconded the motion. All were in favor-yes; motion carried, 3-0.

The Board will research the best way to dispose of the current non-working copier.

- **Utility:** Dianne Craig stated that she called Consolidated Communications to follow-up on the cost increase on the recent utility bills. She was told that the cost for copper is increasing and that switching to VOIP is a cheaper option. However, she mentioned that a VOIP line would not be possible for certain systems that the Town uses, such as the fire alarm. Alicea Bursey stated that she will reach out to the Consolidated Communication representative that assisted the Town with the fiber bond to see if there are any other options for a municipality that needs to continue to use the copper lines.
- **Website Design/Management:** Melissa stated that both Lou Bradbard and Doug Frost will be present at the next meeting on July 8th to discuss this topic.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Intent to Cut:** The Board reviewed a supplemental intent to cut for Troy Hill Holdings, LLC, located on Lear Hill Road (Map 204, Lots 12& 10). The Board received an answer from the assessing company and was in agreement that the property met all of the state requirements and was able to be signed. The Board signed the supplemental intent to cut.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Handbook:** The Board will continue to work on finalizing the handbook.
- **FEMA:** No new updates at this time.
- **Non-Public Session:**

Derek Tremblay motioned to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c), "Matters that, if discussed in public, would adversely affect the reputation of someone other than a member of the public body. However, if that person requests it, the meeting must be public. Such matters include any application for assistance or tax abatement, or waiver of fees or fines based on poverty or inability to pay." Alicea Bursey seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Alicea Bursey-yes; Derek Tremblay-yes; Dianne Craig-yes; 3-0.

The Board invited Melissa Salinardi into the Non-Public Session.

The Board entered non-public session at 7:59 p.m.

The Board discussed a hiring matter.

Derek Tremblay motioned to come out of the Non-Public Session at 8:06 p.m. Alicea Bursey seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Alicea Bursey-yes; Derek Tremblay; Alicea Bursey-yes; 3-0.

Alicea Bursey contacted a potential employee. The employee asked for more time to make a decision.

STANDING ITEMS (These standing items may not have been discussed during the current meeting).

- **Monthly Budget Review:** The Board reviewed the budget and had no further questions or concerns.
- **Veterans Monument Repair**
- **Planning Board Update:** The Planning Board continues to prepare for the Master Plan community survey. Melissa mentioned that a proposed major subdivision may be presented to the Planning Board within the next few months. The Board was interested in the progress of this proposed subdivision.
- **Brickyard Road Bridge**
- **Abandoned Property**

Alicea Bursey motioned to move the July 22nd meeting to July 29th. Derek Tremblay seconded the motion. All were in favor-yes; motion carried, 3-0.

Derek Tremblay motioned to adjourn. Alicea Bursey seconded the motion. All were in favor-yes; motion carried, 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Salinardi