

Monday, June 10, 2024



Board of Selectmen Minutes – FINAL APPROVED

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

Guest (s): Ryan Hall (arrived at 6:57pm/left at 7:23pm); Road Agent Shae Simino; 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 6:01 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPOINTMENTS:

- **Interview for Building Code Enforcement 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.” Dianne Craig seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Dianne Craig-yes; Alicea Bursey-yes; Derek Tremblay-yes, 3-0.

The Board invited Bruce Nadeau into Non-Public Session.

The Board entered non-public session at 6:02 p.m.

The Board conducted an interview.

Derek Tremblay motioned to come out of the Non-Public Session at 6:42 p.m. Dianne Craig seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Dianne Craig-yes; Alicea Bursey-yes; Derek Tremblay-yes, 3-0.

- **Interview for Assistant Road Agent Position:**

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The Board invited Shae Simino and Mark Caron into the Non-Public Session.

The Board entered non-public session at 6:43 p.m.

The Board conducted an interview.

Derek Tremblay motioned to come out of the Non-Public Session at 7:29p.m. Dianne Craig seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Dianne Craig-yes; Alicea Bursey-yes; Derek Tremblay-yes, 3-0.

Derek Tremblay motioned to seal the minutes indefinitely as it would adversely affect the reputation of any person other than a member of this board and it would render a proposed action ineffective. Dianne Craig seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Dianne Craig-yes; Alicea Bursey-yes; Derek Tremblay-yes, 3-0.

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The Board entered non-public session at 7:31p.m.

The Board invited Shae Simino and Troy Berriault into the Non-Public Session.

The Board conducted an interview.

Derek Tremblay motioned to come out of the Non-Public Session at 8:00p.m. Dianne Craig seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Dianne Craig-yes; Alicea Bursey-yes; Derek Tremblay-yes, 3-0.

- **Fire Department Update:** Ryan Hall had to leave for an emergency call at 7:23pm. The Board will hear from Mr. Hall during an upcoming meeting.

ROAD AGENT UPDATE

- **Highway Update:** Shae Simino reported that he closed a portion of Ball Park Road after he was working on fixing some drainage issues and is hopeful that the area will dry out within a few days so that he can reopen the road.
- **Lear Hill Road:** Shae mentioned that he has received a few complaints regarding the condition of Lear Hill Road. He stated that he has started to think about different options for fixing the road. Although a bond to fix the road had been previously discussed by the Board, Shae felt that the road required more immediate attention. He mentioned that there are funds available in two Capital Reserve accounts that could be used to repair part of the road. He stated that this solution would not be to fix the entire road but rather a smaller portion.

Dianne Craig asked if the temporary fix to the road would have any benefits to the more permanent repairs made in the future. Shae believes that the material could be reused and that by partially fixing and shimming the surface and by replacing some culverts it may help cut costs in the future.

Shae suggested that only the worst portion towards the bottom of the hill be fixed. He provided the Board with proposed estimates and asked the Board if they would like him to continue pursuing this option of shimming the road and fixing a smaller portion. Derek Tremblay stated that the decision to fix the road through a bond would not be certain as it would have to be approved by the Town. He added that the money in the CRF is in the account to be used for those particulars' purposes. Dianne Craig wondered if acquiring a bond would be the better approach. Shae echoed Derek Tremblay's thought that the bond would not be guaranteed. Alicea Bursey mentioned that if Shae wanted to start the bonding process, he would have to begin discussing things soon as the timeline for bonding discussion is now.

Dianne Craig mentioned that she did not think it was a good idea to completely empty the Capital Reserve Fund. The Board agreed that Shae should start looking into estimates and see how far he could fix the road with only a portion of funds coming from the Paving and Road Reconstruction Capital Reserve Funds.

- **Transfer Station:** Shae reported that the demolition dumpster at the Transfer Station is in need of repairs. He stated that the dumpster is currently owned by the Town and he wondered if the Transfer Station passport account could be used to either fix or purchase the dumpster. Dianne Craig stated that she will follow-up with the Budget Committee Chair to see how funds can be used. The Board asked Shae to research the cost for repairs and the cost for buying a new dumpster.
- **Lempster Coach Bridge:** Shae reported that after receiving resident concerns regarding the condition of the Lempster Coach Road, Class V, bridge, he inspected the bridge and determined that the bridge is safe for travel. However, he suggested that a 6-ton weight limit be placed on the bridge so that continual use of the bridge by heavier vehicles can be monitored. He stated that he did not want to hinder residents who may need to use the bridge but thought it best to monitor heavy traffic from outside sources.

The Board supported this idea and agreed to send letters to the residents near the Lempster Coach, Class V, bridge to inform them of the Boards decision.

- **Highway Helper Job Description:** Shae presented the Board with an updated job description for the Highway Helper position. A few edits were suggested and will be changed by Shae.
- **Tree Removal:** Melissa reported that an email was received regarding a potential hazardous tree on Old Province Road. The tree is in danger of falling over the road, power lines, and residents' property. Shae Simino stated that he will go look at the situation and determine the best course of action.

Alicea Bursey asked how Shae was faring on his own. Shae responded that he was taking it one day at a time but that he felt that he was handling things well. He mentioned that he will be out of the area for a few days in the upcoming weeks and that he spoke with Fire Chief Ryan Hall and Ryan agreed to monitor any emergency tree falls in his absence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Review of Minutes (May 13, 2024):**

Derek Tremblay motioned to approve the meeting minutes of May 13, 2024 "as is". Alicea Bursey seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried, 3-0.

- **Review of Minutes (June 3, 2024):**

Dianne Craig motioned to approve the meeting minutes of June 3, 2024 “as is”. Alicea Bursey seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried, 2-0. Derek Tremblay abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT UPDATES

- **Hazardous Building Notice:** The Board signed a notification that will be sent out to a resident regarding a property concern.
- **Abandoned Property:** Dianne Craig gave an update on the Town owned property on Sholes Road. She stated that she had reached out to Chief Andersen to see whether the house remained secured, locked and that no windows were broken. Chief Andersen reported that the house remained the same and there were no further concerns. The Board agreed to discuss possible next steps with the Tax Collector.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Mount Sunapee:** Derek Tremblay reminded the Board that he monitors the Mount Sunapee Advisory Committee meeting minutes and that currently the concern is in regards to an additional parking lot that the Vail Corporation has proposed. However, no expansion that would directly affect Goshen has been mentioned at this time. He will continue to update the Board when more information is available.
- **Complaint:** Alicea Bursey stated that a complaint was made against herself as Selectmen. She publicly recognized the complaint and made the Board aware that the individual who submitted the complaint has also withdrawn his application for one of the open positions. No further discussion was had.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Website Design/Management:** Derek Tremblay acknowledged that he will act as Selectmen liaison for the website design and management group as was discussed in the last meeting on June 3, 2024. Melissa Salinardi reported that she did not have any other updates regarding this topic.
- **Copier:** Melissa reported that she did receive the States contract and that she would send it to the Board for their review. No decisions were made at this time.
- **Handbook:** The Board will continue to work on finalizing the handbook.
- **FEMA:** Dianne Craig gave a brief update stating that she and Melissa have submitted the second appeal for the Ball Park Bridge repair and hopes that FEMA will accept the appeal. She mentioned that the funding for the Brickyard Bridge repair was denied by FEMA and that submitting a second appeal would not be beneficial as FEMA would deny the request based on the fact that State has never considered the road a Class V Road.

Dianne mentioned that the boring was completed for the Class VI bridge on Lempster Coach Road and that Eckman Engineering has mentioned that they are continuing the wetland permit process and will reach out to the Town as soon as more information is needed.

Alicea Bursey suggested that a letter be sent out to the residents who live around Brickyard Bridge to make them aware that the Board is still researching other options for the repair of the bridge. She further asked if

any of the residents would be considered land-locked and Dianne Craig stated that, although the Class VI road is not maintained by the Town, no abutters are land-locked.

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

- **Monthly Budget Review** – to be reviewed at the third meeting in June.
- **Veterans Monument Repair**
- **Planning Board Update:** Derek Tremblay stated that Vickie Davis of Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission came to the last meeting to discuss the Master Plan. The Planning Board will continue to hold meetings to discuss the Master Plan and brainstorm survey questions. Derek also stated that the Planning Board was mindful of their budget for this project and was keeping that in mind as they moved forward.
- **Brickyard Road Bridge**
- **Abandoned Property**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Salinardi