

Monday, August 5, 2024



Board of Selectmen Minutes – FINAL APPROVED

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

Guest (s): Brandon Stocker (arrived at 6:38pm); Recording Secretary Melissa Salinardi

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board signed and reviewed the consent agenda.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPOINTMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Review of Minutes (July 29, 2024):**

The Board suggested a few edits to the minutes.

Alicea Bursey motioned to approve the Public Hearing meeting minutes of July 29, 2024 “as is”. Derek Tremblay seconded the motion. All were in favor-yes; motion carried, 3-0.

Alicea Bursey motioned to approve the meeting minutes of July 29, 2024 “as amended” and with the Non-Public session separated and added to an additional document for the records. Dianne Craig seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried, 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT UPDATES

- **Utility Update:** Alicea Bursey reached out to the Consolidated Communications representative and has forwarded the response to the Board of Selectmen through email. She added that she will continue to reach out to a different representative for further information.
- **Transfer Station Can Repair:** The Board discussed the Road Agent’s email regarding the damaged demo cannister at the Transfer Station. The cost to repair the cannister is estimated to be \$5,239.25 and the estimated cost of a new cannister would be \$9,525.00. The Board discussed that the purchase of a new cannister would need to be budgeted for and brought to Town meeting as a warrant article. The Board

discussed the possibility of renting the current replacement cannister for the remainder of the year. Melissa Salinardi will reach out to the vendor to determine rental costs and the Road Agent will be updated.

- **Timber Intent to Cut:** The Board reviewed a Timber Intent to Cut (PA-7 form) for property on Ball Park Road, Map 402, Lot 11 which is owned by Mr. Jeffrey Hertel. Derek Tremblay mentioned that the Planning Board was made aware of the potential timber cutting during a preliminary review of a subdivision proposal on August 1, 2024.

Dianne Craig was concerned whether the land would be clear cut and how that would affect the area. Alicea Bursey was concerned about the environment impact considering that the area has had issues with flooding in the past. The Board asked Brandon Stocker to share his concerns. Brandon Stocker, an abutter of the property, stated that he has walked the area many times and several of the 4-wheeler trails regularly flood. He added that this area in a concern for water runoff and flooding. He mentioned that there may be permits that need to be obtained from NH DES for alteration of the terrain.

Dianne Craig questioned whether the Board should request a bond for any damages that may occur to Ball Park Road. She stated that she has previously asked the same question when other Intent to Cuts have been filed and that her concern is always that the Goshen roads be put back to the same condition they were in. Derek Tremblay researched RSAs pertaining to Timber bonds and there was some discussion regarding whether requesting the bond was in the purview of the Board of Selectmen's role. The Board asked Melissa Salinardi to reach out to the State Timber Representative to clarify the RSA. The Board did not sign the PA-7 form at this time.

APPOINTMENTS

- **Fire Department Update:** Brandon Stocker gave a Fire Department update. He stated that the department seems to be moving forward and things are going smoothly. He mentioned that some individuals have resigned from their positions but that three new applicants are currently being interviewed. He added that EMTs are needed and that with the Board's approval the Fire Department would like to purchase a banner or sign to place outside the fire house advertising open positions. The Board stated that as long as the Fire Department had the money in their budget, there should not be a problem. Dianne Craig also reminded Mr. Stocker to incorporate the new expense of the copier into their budget planning for the upcoming year.

Brandon Stocker mentioned that in-house trainings were taking place and that the department just placed a large, year-long supply of medical supplies to replace any outdated products. He mentioned that the annual Chicken BBQ fundraising event went well. The Board mentioned the possibility of another Goshen Old Home Days happening next year. They thought that the Fire Department may want to incorporate their fundraiser into the event. The Board thanked Brandon Stocker for the update and had no further concerns or questions.

Brandon Stocker left the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Gunnison Lake:** Dianne Craig made the Board aware that the Gunnison Lake trail and park areas have recently been left with excessive litter. She added that she reached out to Police Chief Ed Anderson and Mike Batista to see if the area can be patrolled more frequently. Alicea Bursey, an abutter of the Gunnison Lake access road, stated that on her way home one evening after dusk she noticed several cars coming out of the access road. After further investigation, she reported the incident to the Sheriff's department. The vehicles

spotted during that evening vacated the premise before the Sherriff arrived. However, the Board continues to be concerned for the condition of the lake area.

Dianne Craig suggested that additional signage and fees be added to the ordinances. Derek Tremblay agreed that additional signage and enforcement through fines should be put into action. The Board discussed a fine schedule of \$250 per violation for littering, alcohol on premise, or being at the park after dusk. The Board will invite Police Chief Anderson to the next meeting to discuss this further.

- **Speed Signs:** Dianne Craig stated that she received an update from Chief Anderson that the new speed signs will be ordered soon and that he is within the budgeted amount for the project.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Highway Helper Position:** Alicea Bursey stated that the Road Agent reached out to her to discuss a pay increase for the mowing position that is currently being filled by a Transfer Station employee. The Board discussed that the highway helper position needed to be clarified and that the mowing position should be considered a separate position. The Board decided to allow the Road Agent to make the final decision as long as his budget could support the increase.
- **Health Officer Position:** Alicea Bursey updated the Board that she spoke with the current Health Officer regarding the position. The Board would like to further clarify some concerns. No decision has been made at this time.
- **Hazardous Building:** Dianne Craig stated that a follow-up call was made to the property owner regarding a hazardous building situation on Mill Village Road. No response has been received. Dianne Craig stated that a follow-up letter will be drafted and sent to the property owner. The Board agreed to send out the follow-up letter.
- **Handbook:** The Board will continue to work on finalizing the handbook.
- **FEMA:** No new updates at this time.

STANDING ITEMS & OTHER BUSINESS (Some standing items may not have been discussed during the current meeting).

- **Monthly Budget Review:** To be reviewed at the last meeting of the month.
- **Veterans Monument Repair**
- **Planning Board Update:** Derek Tremblay stated that a Public Hearing to review a major subdivision proposal is scheduled for September 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Dianne Craig stated that she may be interested in going to the Public Hearing. Melissa Salinardi will post that a quorum of Board of Selectmen members may be present at the Planning Board meeting but that no business will be discussed.
- **Brickyard Road Bridge**
- **Abandoned Property:** Melissa Salinardi updated the Board that she spoke with the Tax Collector and was advised to contact the Town attorney to determine the next steps in the Town owned property on Sholes Road.
- **Tax Deed Information (Non-Public Session):**

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: Dianne Craig-yes; Alicea Bursey-yes; Derek Tremblay-yes, 3-0.

The Board entered non-public session at 8:14 p.m.

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

The Board discussed properties that would be going to deed.

Alicea Bursey motioned to come out of the Non-Public Session at 8:16 p.m. Dianne Craig seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Dianne Craig-yes; Alicea Bursey-yes; Derek Tremblay-yes; 3-0.

Alicea Bursey 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.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Salinardi