



**Monday, August 11, 2025**

## **Board of Selectmen Minutes - FINAL**

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**Board Members Present:** Derek Tremblay (Chair); Dianne Craig (Vice-Chair); Sebastian Zyzdorf

**Guest (s):** Police Chief Andersen; Bonnie Belden; Andrew Bernstein; Judy Martz; Road Agent ShaeDel Simino; Recording Secretary Melissa Salinardi; Cassie Eilert (phone-attendance)

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Tremblay called the meeting to order at 6:36pm

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

All consent agenda items were reviewed and approved.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

- **Library Activity Request:** Bonne Belden requested permission to use Lake Gunnison for the Libraries 6<sup>th</sup> annual Lillian Wright trail run on September 6<sup>th</sup>. This is an all-day event and the Library Trustees and volunteers will begin setting up on September the 5<sup>th</sup>. The Board had no objections and agreed to this event.

Bonnie requested permission to use Lake Gunnison for a night-time event, hosted by the Library and the NH Astronomical Society. The Library has received a new telescope and the Astronomical Society has agreed to hold a two-part event highlighting the new telescope. The first part will be an instructional session held at the Town Hall and the second will be the viewing of the night sky at Lake Gunnison. The Board agreed and had no objections. The Board asked Bonnie to communicate with them as soon as the dates were determined for this event.

Bonnie requested permission for use of the Town Hall on October 3<sup>rd</sup> for a Library event. Melissa Salainrdi will confirm that the Town hall is available through email.

Bonnie also shared the boundary signs that were made for the Discovery Park. Chair Tremblay thanked her for being diligent in this matter.

- **Kearsarge Energy Presentation (Solar Tax Agreement):** Chair Tremblay opened the floor to Kearsarge Energy representatives, Andrew Bernstein and Cassie Eilert (through call-in).

Andrew Bernstein gave a brief history of the company and spoke about some of the projects that they have worked on. He stated that Kearsarge Energy is an independent power producer that focuses on public-private partnership in New England. He highlighted the Manchester Dunbarton Road Landfill as one of their top projects.

Mr. Bernstein spoke about the Goshen parcel in question, tax map 204, lot 23 and the proposed solar plan. He stated that the location is small but has potential to bring annual financial benefits to the Town of Goshen. Cassie Eilert added that the location is 1,000 feet off of the main road and is hidden at the back of the lot and is not in public view.

Mr. Bernstein continued by stating that the project construction time frame would be short, possibly 4-6 months. He added that they work with local communities by producing jobs for these types of projects and added that after completion, minimal maintenance is required and the whole project is monitored remotely.

He further explained that the next step is to enter into a PILOT agreement with the Town of Goshen. He stated that a PILOT agreement creates stability and predictability for Goshen and Kearsarge and that without the PILOT, the project is not financeable. He added that solar does not require additional services from the town; however, it adds revenue without the additional costs. He also explained that the penalty fee of taking the land out of current use is covered by the projects cost and will also produce revenue for the Town. Two proposals and a preliminary layout of the project were presented to the Board along with an estimated timeline and procedure for continuation of the solar farm project.

Chair Tremblay summarized and asked when they would like an answer from the Board. Mr. Bernstein asked if a letter of intent could be submitted before the end of September.

Judy Martz, Zoning Board Chair, spoke about the proposed solar regulations that have been brought to the Planning Board by the Zoning Board for review. She explained that right now, there are no solar regulations in place, which leaves the Town vulnerable. She further added that the Zoning Board would like to encourage this type of growth; however, they would like to have the regulations in place so that proper steps can be taken for notification of residents. It was noted that the regulations are to be reviewed at a Planning Board Public Hearing scheduled for September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. The Board agreed to wait for the regulations to be reviewed by the Planning Board and discussed the possibility of holding an emergency Town meeting to accept the regulations before the annual March Town meeting as this is a time sensitive matter. Chair Tremblay stated that the Board will add this topic to their standing items and discuss it further. The Board thanked Kearsarge Energy for the presentation.

*Andrew Bernstein, Cassie Eilert and Judy Martz left the meeting.*

- **Safety Concerns and Ordinance Discussion:** Chair Tremblay relayed to Chief Andersen several issues of excessive speed that have been brought to the Board's attention by residents, particularly, on Route 31. Chief Andersen stated that he is working on moving the flashing speed limit sign from Brook Road to an area on Route 31 and added that it should be moved within the next few weeks. Adding additional speed limit signs was discussed; however, as Route 31 was a state road, the logistics of adding more signs is a difficult process. Shae Simino stated that he reached out to the NHDOT and they stated that if we wanted to add more signs, the Town would have to gain permission and put the signs up at their own cost.

The issue of ATVS speeding and damaging Ball Park Road was discussed. Shae Simino stated that he had placed "ATVs Prohibited" signs up on Ball Park Road and the next day they were taken down by a resident. After some investigation, Shae recovered the signs and spoke with the resident responsible for the ATV issues. Since speaking to the resident, Shae has not heard any more complaints. The Board thanked Shae for resolving this issue.

Melissa Salinardi stated that a resident on Ball Park Road voiced concern about other vehicles speeding on that road, particularly, one motorcycle that the resident believes is crossing the closed Ball Park Bridge. Shae Simino will inspect the bridge and make changes to the position of the barriers so that no access to the bridge is available. Dianne Craig suggested that Shae look into the cost of an additional jersey barrier.

Chief Andersen spoke about the difficulty of filling a part-time police position based on required hours of training, and low pay. Although this has been an issue, Chief Andersen stated that he believes he has found

another part-time officer that is interested in working for the Town of Goshen. Once Chief Andersen has more information and the individual has accepted the position, the Board will be notified and introduced to the officer. Chief Andersen also spoke about the asset that federal grants have been to the Town in the past and that in the future updating the computers in all the Police Department would be needed in order to pursue additional federal funding.

The Board reviewed the littering ordinance and Chair Tremblay opened the floor for discussion. Dianne Craig had concerns regarding the fine fee and verbiage concerning multiple offenses. Chief Andersen agreed with Dianne that the fee may be too high as the district court sets a cap on fines. Chair Tremblay stated that the fine fee and language could be viewed as a deterrent. There was discussion about how the ordinance would be enforced and Chief Andersen stated that once the ordinance was broken, a court date would be given to the individual.

***Derek Tremblay motioned to approve the Littering Ordinance with an amendment to Section VI. Enhanced Penalty, and Section VIII, Enforcement. Sebastian Zyzdorf seconded the motion. All were in favor-yes; motion carried, 3-0 (Please see below the approved Littering Ordinance).***

- **Property Litigation Update:** The Board agreed to enter an RSA 91-A to discuss litigation developments.

***Sebastian Zyzdorf motioned to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II (e), “Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation.” Derek Tremblay seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Dianne Craig-yes; Derek Tremblay-yes; Sebastian Zyzdorf-yes; motion carried, 3-0.***

The Board entered non-public session at 8:00 p.m.

The Board invited Police Chief Ed Andersen and Melissa Salinardi into the non-public session.

Chief Andersen provided the Board with a recent update regarding litigation against a property owner. He added that additional photos will be gathered via drone and sent to the Board and the Town attorney. The Board agreed to continue pursuing the next steps as suggested by legal counsel.

***Derek Tremblay motioned to come out of the Non-Public Session at 8:07p.m. Sebastian Zyzdorf seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Dianne Craig-yes; Derek Tremblay-yes; Sebastian Zyzdorf-yes; motion carried, 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. Sebastian Zyzdorf seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Dianne Craig-yes; Derek Tremblay-yes; Sebastian Zyzdorf-yes; motion carried, 3-0***

## **ROAD AGENT REPORT**

- **General Update:** Shae Simino presented three quotes for roadside mowing rentals. The Board noted that AKSA is his father’s business and reviewed all the following quotes.
  - MB Tractor – One Mower for \$3,000/wk, \$10,000/mn
  - AKSA – Two Mowers for two weeks for \$6,000 (includes one extra set of blades for each mower)
  - Ahearn Rents – One Mower for \$5,000/wk with an additional mower for \$1,200/wk.

***Derek Tremblay motioned to make an exception to the purchasing policy to be able to hire AKSA, for \$6,000, as the roadside mowing vendor for the 2025 season. Sebastian Zyzdorf seconded the motion. All were in favor-yes; motion carried, 3-0.***

Shae Simino stated that he has spoken with Newport Sand and Gravel regarding the free sand, from the Davis Pit, that was offered to the Town by Mr. Shaun Carroll, Jr. The Board reviewed a written document presented by Newport Sand and Gravel addressing the gift of free sand to the Town. Shae noted that the sand will need to be screened and that Newport Sand and Gravel no longer owned a screener. He will look into the cost to rent a screener from other companies in the area and provide an update to the Board as soon as possible.

Chair Tremblay mentioned that in previous weeks, the highway department has been receiving a small amount of overtime and asked if there was a particular reason for this as the Board was under the assumption that over time should only be used for emergencies and winter storm clean-up. Shae mentioned that sometimes projects run a little over but that he will work to eliminate overtime use.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **• Review of Regular Meeting Minutes (July 28<sup>th</sup>):**

***Sebastian Zyzdorf motioned to approve the Regular and Non-Public Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2025 “as is”. Dianne Craig seconded the motion. All were in favor-yes; motion carried, 3-0.***

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT UPDATES**

- Contract Review Update:** Melissa Salinardi updated that the utility appraiser’s contract that was recently reviewed by the Board will be in place for next year and that a new contract for this year will be provided as soon as possible.
- Town Hall Rental:** Melissa Salinardi stated that Dianne Craig would like to rent the Town Hall on August 23<sup>rd</sup> for personal use. The Board had no objections.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Old Home Day:** Dianne Craig asked the Board if it would be possible to have the Highway Department mow the back field, that will be used for Old Home Day, during normal working hours. The Board had no objections. The Highway Department has also been asked to move the bridge, along with the Fire Department, during normal working hours. The Board had no objections to this either.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Ball Park Bridge Update:** The Board discussed the response given by the state representative regarding the awarded Ball Park Bridge funds. The Board tabled further discussion until more information was known.
- Tax-deeded Property Sale:** Legal counsel was contacted and advice was given to the Board regarding the sale of a tax-deeded property. The Board determined to table discussion until a future meeting.
- Overwatch Internet Project Update:** Melissa Salinardi reported that she reached out to the vendor regarding follow-up questions from the Board; however, she did not have any further information yet. Chair Tremblay

stated that he reached out to the Overwatch Foundation to keep them informed of the Town's progress. The Board tabled this item until more information is known.

## **STANDING ITEMS & OTHER**

- **Budget Review**
- **Abandoned Property**
- **Planning Board Update:** Sebastian Zyzdorf stated that the Planning Board hosted the informational session on August 7<sup>th</sup> with Newport Sand & Gravel. Mr. Shaun Carroll, Jr. was present to answer questions and concerns. The Planning Board will hold two public hearings on September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm; one to discuss a land annexation on Old Province Road and another to review and approve the new solar regulations proposed by the Zoning Board.
- **Littering Ordinance:** See above

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- **Non-Public Session:**  
Dianne Craig requested to go into a non-public session.

*Sebastian Zyzdorf motioned to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c), "Matters which, if discussed to public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the Board." Dianne Craig seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Dianne Craig-yes; Derek Tremblay-yes; Sebastian Zyzdorf-yes; motion carried, 3-0.*

The Board entered non-public session at 8:37 p.m.

The Board discussed an employee matter.

*Sebastian Zyzdorf motioned to come out of the Non-Public Session at 8:45p.m. Derek Tremblay seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Dianne Craig-yes; Derek Tremblay-yes; Sebastian Zyzdorf-yes; motion carried, 3-0*

*Derek Tremblay motioned to adjourn at 8:46pm. Sebastian Zyzdorf seconded the motion. All were in favor-yes; motion carried, 3-0.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Salinardi.

# **TOWN OF GOSHEN, NEW HAMPSHIRE ILLEGAL DUMPING ORDINANCE**

## **I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect and promote the health, safety, welfare of the residents of Town of Goshen through the control and prevention of illegal dumping of litter (as defined below) throughout the community.

## **II. AUTHORITY**

This Ordinance is adopted under the provisions of RSA 31:39 I (f)

## **III. DEFINITIONS**

For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this Ordinance:

- A. Litter:** Means all rubbish, refuse, garbage, trash, demolition debris, dead animals or other discarded materials of every kind and description.
- B. Person:** Any person, owner, lessee, firm, business, partnership, sole proprietorship, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind.
- C. Private Property:** Any land or any structure or portion of any structure designed or used for private, commercial or residential purposes which is not public property.
- D. Public Property:** Any and all streets, waterways, public rights of way, easements, medians, sidewalks, highways, streets, or other public parks, spaces, grounds and buildings.

## **IV. GENERAL PROHIBITION.**

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to dump, deposit, throw or leave, or to cause or permit the dumping, depositing, placing, throwing or leaving of litter on any public or private property in the town of Goshen unless:

- A.** Such property is designated by the Selectmen of the Town of Goshen or by the State of New Hampshire (or by any of its agencies or political subdivisions) for the disposal of such litter, and such person is authorized by the proper public authority to use such property;
- B.** Such waste material is placed into a litter receptacle or container installed on such property;
- C.** Such waste material is placed by property owners on their own property.
- D.** Such waste material is placed on private property with the consent of the property owners.

**V. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.**

- A. Evidence of a specific complaint or complainant is not necessary to establish a violation of this chapter.
- B. Any person who violates the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a violation for each offense and shall be subject to a fine of five hundred (\$500) dollars for each offense.

**VI. SEVERABILITY**

If any provisions of this Ordinance or the application of such provisions to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance and applicability of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

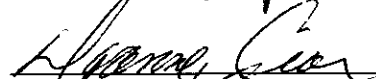
**VII. ENFORCEMENT**


Enforcement shall be executed by local law enforcement.

Adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025

**Goshen Board of Selectmen**

  
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Derek Tremblay, Chair

  
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