



Monday, March 23, 2026

Board of Selectmen Minutes - FINAL

Board Members Present: Derek Tremblay (Chair); Sebastian Zyzdorf (Vice-Chair-arrived at 6:36 p.m.)

Guest (s): Bonnie Belden; Road Agent ShaeDel Simino; Recording Secretary Melissa Salinardi

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

All consent agenda items were reviewed, signed, and approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Sebastian Zyzdorf motioned to nominate Derek Tremblay as Chair of the Board of Selectmen. Derek Tremblay seconded the motion.

No discussion was had.

VOTE: All were in favor for Derek Tremblay to act as chair; motion carried, 2-0.

Derek Tremblay motioned to nominate and approve Sebastian Zyzdorf as Vice-Chair of the Board of Selectmen. Sebastian Zyzdorf seconded the motion.

No discussion.

VOTE: All were in favor for Sebastian Zyzdorf to act as Vice-Chair; motion carried, 2-0.

Derek Tremblay motioned to nominate and approve Sebastian Zyzdorf as Ex-officio to the Planning Board and Derek Tremblay as Ex-officio to the Budget Committee. Sebastian Zyzdorf seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried, 2-0. No discussion was had.

APPOINTMENTS

- **Green Stormwater Infrastructure Project:** The Town of Goshen has been selected to receive free site design through a grant-funded Green Stormwater Infrastructure (OSI) project supported by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Following an evaluation of over 100 regional sites, the parking area at 36 Mill Village Road ranked among the top 10 in New Hampshire based on feasibility, potential for nitrogen reduction, and additional benefits such as flood mitigation and public health improvements. The proposed design includes installing perforated pipe and stone to manage stormwater in low-lying areas. Design work is expected to take place this spring and summer, with final plans delivered by late summer or early fall to support future construction funding applications. Participation requires site access, involvement in the design process, and signing an agreement by April 1, 2026.

Bonnie Belden stated that she views the project as an excellent opportunity for the Town of Goshen and noted that the Library Trustees are in agreement. However, the Trustees expressed several concerns, including potential impacts to the existing leach field, nearby buildings, Discovery Park, and the parking area. The Board voiced no objections to proceeding and signed the agreement. Chair Tremblay indicated his interest in coordinating further discussions with the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission and noted that Bonnie Belden will be included in all related correspondence.

Bonnie Belden left the meeting.

ROAD AGENT REPORT

- **General Update:** Shae Simino noted that the roads are in good shape; however, the frost line remains approximately one foot below the surface. A culvert on Brickyard Road has been replaced. The grader is currently under repair, and a quote is being obtained for welding work. Staff recently completed a mowing safety training. Shae suggested that the Highway Department and the Town get involved with the UNH T2 Program by hosting a future training session. The Board did not object; however, further discussion may be had.

Shae discussed an interest in expanding asphalt operations by acquiring paving equipment to perform smaller tasks, such as apron paving. It was noted that acquiring paving equipment could result in long-term savings by allowing staff to complete smaller projects in-house, while larger projects would continue to be contracted out. Chair Tremblay discussed the need to follow procurement policies, including the solicitation of bids, and requested additional information to better evaluate costs, including materials. The Board agreed that maintaining greater control over smaller-scale projects may have financial savings for the Town and asked Shae to provide more information regarding this topic.

Additionally, a request for time off was stated by Shae and approved. Chair Tremblay asked that the request be submitted in writing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Review of Regular Meeting Minutes (March 9th):**

Derek Tremblay motioned to approve the Regular and Non-Public Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2026 “as is”. Sebastian Zyzdorf seconded the motion. All were in favor-yes; motion carried, 2-0.

- **Review of Town Election Day Meeting Minutes (March 10th):**

Chair Tremblay suggested adding the Board of Selectmen Code of Ethics which was discussed during the Town Election to the minutes. The Board agreed to add that information to the minutes.

Derek Tremblay motioned to approve the Town Election Day Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2026 “as amended”. Sebastian Zyzdorf seconded the motion. All were in favor-yes; motion carried, 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT UPDATES

- **Solar Energy Tax Agreement:** The Board reviewed the solar tax agreement through Kearsarge Energy. The Board had no questions or concerns and Chair Tremblay signed the agreement.

- **BOS Meeting Schedule:** The upcoming Board of Selectmen meetings will take place on the following dates: April 13th & 20th, May 11th, and June 8th & 22nd. All meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

- **New Town Position:** The Board discussed the position approved at the Town Meeting. This part-time role will support the Board of Selectmen's Assistant with various office-related projects. The Board agreed to post the position, with applications due by Wednesday, April 1. The job description will be available on the Town website and upon request. Interviews are tentatively scheduled for April 6.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Town Appointed Positions:** No Updates
- **Ball Park Bridge Update:** The Board is waiting for approval by the NH DOT to move to the next phase of the project.
- **Credits/Exemption Applications & Litigation Discussion – Non-Public Session:**

The Board agreed to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, (c), (e), & (j).

Derek Tremblay motioned to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c), "Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the Board; (e), "Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation;" and (j), "Consideration of confidential or financial information that is exempt from public disclosure under RSA 91-A:5." Sebastian Zyzdorf seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Derek Tremblay-yes, Sebastian Zyzdorf-yes; motion carried, 2-0.

The Board entered non-public session at 7:17 p.m.

The Board invited Melissa Salinardi into the non-public session.

The Board reviewed applications received by residents for credits or exemptions in accordance with RSA 72:39-a, b.

The Board remained in session and invited Shae Simino into the non-public session at 7:21 p.m.

A legal matter was discussed.

Derek Tremblay motioned to come out of the Non-Public Session at 7:31 p.m. Sebastian Zyzdorf seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Derek Tremblay-yes; Sebastian Zyzdorf-yes; motion carried, 2-0.

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: Derek Tremblay-yes; Sebastian Zyzdorf-yes; motion carried, 2-0.

STANDING ITEMS & OTHER

- **Budget Review**
- **Abandoned Property**

- **Planning Board Update:** The next Planning Board meeting will take place on April 2nd.

Derek Tremblay motioned to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Sebastian Zyzdorf seconded the motion. All were in favor-yes; motion carried, 2-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Salinardi