

Monday, July 13, 2026



Board of Selectmen Minutes - FINAL

Board Members Present: Sebastian Zyzdorf (Vice-Chair); Alan Greenhalgh

Guest (s): Dave Dumas; Lydia Hawkes; Kurt Sternlof; Anna Giraldi (via TEAMS); Road Agent Shadel Simino; Recording Secretary Melissa Salinardi

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Zyzdorf called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Review of Regular Meeting Minutes (June 22nd):**

Sebastian Zyzdorf motioned to approve the Regular and Non-Public Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2026 “as is”. Alan Greenhalgh seconded the motion. All were in favor-yes; motion carried, 2-0.

ROAD AGENT REPORT

- **Road Maintenance:** Road Agent Shae Simino informed the Board that the wheeled excavator, borrowed through Equipment East, has arrived and will be available for demonstration beginning Wednesday, August 15. He explained that the machine can be used for ditching, brush work, and other general road maintenance activities. The Highway Department plans to utilize the equipment throughout the demonstration period on various projects around Town.

Shae provided preliminary purchase estimates and noted that a potential five- to seven-year lease option is available for the machine. He stated that this would be a future discussion once more concrete pricing and additional equipment options have been obtained.

Shae also reported that the Town's backhoe is approximately 10 years old and may need to be replaced in the near future. In addition, he expressed interest in purchasing a new roller and indicated that he would present the Board with potential equipment options and associated costs for consideration. The Board agreed to revisit the matter once additional information is available.

- **General Update:** Shae stated that during the recent rainstorm, the Town Hall roof leaked in the stairwell. He noted that replacing the Town Hall roof may need to be a topic of discussion for the Board in the near future.

Shae provided the quarterly truck grant report information to Melissa Salinardi for submission. He also reported that he is looking into several paving projects and will provide additional information as it becomes available. He noted that he would like to reclaim several sections of roadway, including aprons and other problem areas that need to be addressed.

Shae also reported that a new dumpster guide is needed for one of the Transfer Station's containers. He has authorized the guide to be built at an estimated cost of approximately \$1,000. He explained that the guide is necessary for the container to be emptied properly. The Board agreed with moving forward and had no further questions or concerns.

APPOINTMENTS

Ball Park Road Bridge Discussion (via TEAMS): The Board joined The Turner Group to discuss the scope and fee negotiation portion of the Ball Park Road Bridge project. Anna Giraldi, representing The Turner Group, reviewed the estimated project hours and discussed the differences between the Town's original estimate of 414 hours and The Turner Group's estimate of 551 hours. Ms. Giraldi explained the additional items and considerations that contributed to the difference in estimated hours. The Board asked questions and gained clarification regarding this phase of the project.

Following the discussion, the Board agreed to move forward with the scope and fee review process. Ms. Giraldi stated that The Turner Group would revisit the estimated hours and provide the Board with a revised final document for review prior to submission to the State for final approval. The Board thanked Ms. Giraldi for meeting with them.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- **Dave Dumas** expressed concerns about increased speeding along Route 31 and the lack of traffic enforcement. He stated that speeding has increased since the recent road improvements and has become a growing safety concern, particularly for pedestrians walking along Route 31 and Ball Park Road toward Gunnison Lake. Dave noted that he has raised similar concerns at previous meetings and feels that additional measures are still needed to address the issue. He also acknowledged that he has observed traffic enforcement by the Goshen Police Department and appreciates their presence when they are patrolling the area. Dave encouraged the Board to explore ways to increase police presence and traffic enforcement, including requesting additional assistance from the New Hampshire State Police.

Dave Dumas left the meeting.

- **Lydia Hawkes** of the Conservation Commission discussed concerns regarding the Gunnison Lake access area. She noted that she had recently become aware of reports of vandalism and other issues at the site, and she expressed concerns regarding the ongoing maintenance and management of the area. Lydia specifically brought attention to the accumulation of trash around the fire pit area and emphasized the need for clear rules, expectations, and appropriate enforcement while maintaining public access to recreational areas.

Lydia also discussed the importance of providing public access to recreational resources and expressed support for exploring additional parking options near the cemetery area on Four Corners Road. The Board discussed the ownership and maintenance responsibilities of the Gunnison Lake access area, including the distinction between Town and State property, as well as the challenges of balancing public access, safety, and neighboring property concerns.

Lydia Hawkes also discussed concerns regarding access to the Town's public beach area at Rand Pond. She stated that she has used the public access area for swimming for several years and has not previously experienced any issues. Lydia reported that during her most recent visit, the access road was blocked by a resident. When she questioned the individual, she was informed that the road was private property. Lydia stated that she understood this not to be the case and left the area at that time. She expressed concern that residents should continue to have access to the public Town beach area and that access to the beach should remain available for public use.

The Board agreed that the access road should not be blocked and that residents should continue to have access to the Town beach area. The Board will further investigate the matter and address the concern as needed.

- **Kurt Sternlof** thanked Shae for the improvements made to the roads throughout Goshen but expressed concerns that the improved road conditions have resulted in increased traffic speeds. He stated that speeding has become a concern on Four Corners Road, where he resides, and that he has not seen sufficient police enforcement in the area. Kurt noted that he has attempted to reach out to the Goshen Police Chief regarding his concerns but has not connected with him. He discussed the current posted speed limit of 25 mph and suggested that additional speed limit signage may be needed to remind drivers of the posted limit and improve safety. Kurt also mentioned the possibility of lowering the speed limit on Four Corners Road in the future. He noted that Four Corners Road is a narrow roadway with two-way traffic and expressed concern that increased speeds could create a safety issue.

Kurt also discussed concerns regarding the Gunnison Lake access area near the cemetery on Four Corners Road. He clarified that his concerns were not related to limiting public access to Gunnison Lake, but rather focused on safety, parking, speed limits, and having clear expectations for the use of the area. He stated that his understanding is that the area is intended as a turnaround rather than a parking lot and expressed concern that additional parking in this area could create safety issues due to the narrow roadway and limited space. Kurt would like to see clearer signage and consistent enforcement to help prevent confusion regarding the use of the area.

The Board thanked those in attendance for taking the time to come before the Board and express their concerns. The Board acknowledged the importance of the issues raised and will follow up with the Goshen Police Chief regarding the traffic enforcement concerns. The Board will continue to discuss these matters and explore potential options to address the concerns brought forward.

Lydia Hawkes and Kurt Sternlof left the meeting.

BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

No report was given at this time.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

No report was given at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT UPDATES

- **Perambulation of Town Line:** The Board discussed an email from a former Selectman reminding the Board of the requirements of RSA 51:2, which requires town boundary lines to be perambulated and the marks and bounds renewed at least once every seven years. The Board agreed to reach out to a former Selectman for further instruction and to determine whether they would be interested in assisting the Board and Road Agent with the process.
- **Complaint Form:** Melissa Salinardi stated that, over the past several months and weeks, she has received numerous complaints from residents on a variety of matters, including complaints involving other residents. She explained that most complaints are made verbally, making them difficult to track and follow up on. To address this, a complaint form has been drafted that would allow residents to submit formal written complaints, helping the Town and the Board of Selectmen document, monitor, and resolve complaints in a

more timely and consistent manner. The Board supported the use of a complaint form and agreed that having a formal process would be beneficial.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Ball Park Bridge Update:** This was discussed in Appointments section above.
- **Litigation Update/Non-Public Session:** Melissa Salinardi requested to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, (e).

Sebastian Zyzdorf motioned to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II (e), "Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation." Alan Greenhalgh seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Sebastian Zyzdorf-yes; Alan Greenhalgh-yes; motion carried, 2-0.

The Board entered non-public session at 8:16 p.m.

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

Three continued litigation matters were discussed. The Board agreed to continue moving forward based on legal counsel.

Sebastian Zyzdorf motioned to come out of the Non-Public Session at 8:20 p.m. Alan Greenhalgh seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Sebastian Zyzdorf-yes; Alan Greenhalgh-yes; motion carried, 2-0.

Back into regular session at 8:20 p.m.

Sebastian Zyzdorf motioned to issue an order pursuant to RSA 155-B:13 for the property at 140 Mill Village Road North, requiring the owner to fill the cellar hole within fifteen (15) days, as recommended by the Town's legal counsel. Alan Greenhalgh seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried, 2-0.

Sebastian Zyzdorf 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. Alan Greenhalgh seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Sebastian Zyzdorf-yes; Alan Greenhalgh-yes; motion carried, 2-0.

STANDING ITEMS & OTHER

- **Budget Review**
- **Abandoned Property**
- **Planning Board Update:** The next Planning Board meeting will take place on August 6th.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board discussed RSA 31:95-b after Alan Greenhalgh stated that he would like to donate new Town signs to Goshen. The Board reviewed the process for accepting unanticipated funds or donations and agreed to further review the requirements and appropriate steps for accepting the donation.

Sebastian Zyzdorf motioned to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. Alan Greenhalgh seconded the motion. All were in favor-yes; motion carried, 2-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Salinardi