Monday, October 26, 2026

Board of Selectmen Minutes - FINAL

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

Guests: Fire Chief Ryan Hall; Doug Frost; Renée Frost; Building Code Enforcement Officer Dan Scott; Road Agent ShaeDel Simino; Zoning Board Chair Judy Martz; Recording Secretary Melissa Salinardi

CALL TO ORDER
Chair Tremblay called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- **Review of Regular Meeting Minutes (September 28th):**

Sebastian Zyzdorf motioned to approve the Regular and Non-Public Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2026 'as is'. Derek Tremblay seconded the motion. All were in favor-yes; motion carried, 3-0.

APPOINTMENTS
Fire Department: Chair Tremblay opened the floor to the Fire Department. Doug Frost presented the Fire Department report. According to the written report, the Department currently has 18 active members, including two cadets, and has responded to 104 calls so far this year, including 15 mutual aid calls. The Department is on pace for approximately 120 calls for the year. All apparatus passed the required inspections, and ongoing training and upcoming activities were outlined in the report.

Doug Frost reported that the Fire Department was awarded a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for the purchase of 18 new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) units. The total project cost is $189,550.00, with FEMA covering $180,523.80 and the Town responsible for the remaining $9,026.20, which will be paid from the PPE Capital Reserve Fund. Fire Chief Ryan Hall emphasized the importance of replacing the existing outdated equipment and thanked Doug Frost for his efforts in securing the grant. He expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to make this much-needed equipment upgrade for the Department.

Chief Hall also confirmed that DOT inspections and preventative maintenance on the Department's apparatus had been completed, with no significant concerns reported.

The Department discussed potential warrant articles for the upcoming Town Meeting and is currently gathering quotes and estimates for proposed equipment needs. The Board had no questions or concerns and will wait for the final estimates before moving the warrant articles onto the Budget Committee.

The Department reported that the Annual Chicken Barbecue held during Old Home Day was successful. It was noted that the event serves primarily as a community outreach opportunity rather than a major fundraiser, with

the Department's spring direct mail campaign being its largest fundraising effort. The Board had no further questions or comments and thanked the Fire Department for presenting its report. (See attached Fire Department Report for additional details.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Renée Frost, Acting Budget Committee Chair, reported that Budget Committee meetings will begin after the holidays and that she is hoping to continue holding meetings on Tuesdays, as was done last year. It was also noted that Renée is currently serving as Acting Chair and that the Budget Committee will hold a formal vote to elect its Chair at its first meeting in January. The Board thanked Renée for stepping into this role.

Ryan Hall, Doug Frost and Renée Frost left the meeting.

ROAD AGENT REPORT
General Update: Shae Simino provided the Highway Department update, reporting that road grading is approximately halfway completed, with several roads still remaining. Paving work at the three intersections has been completed, and Shae noted that the contractor (R&S Asphalt Paving) did a good job.

Shae also reported that work on the Transfer Station Operating Plan is underway and that he is communicating with the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) regarding revisions to the plan. He is also preparing the Highway Department budget and proposed warrant articles and expects to have them ready for submission soon.

Shae noted that the Town of Newport allowed the Highway Department to borrow a leaf blower at no charge, other than the cost of fuel. Upcoming work will include culvert maintenance and preparations for the winter and spring months.

Selectman Zyzdorf raised a concern regarding a sofa that had been left along the side of Province Road between Badger Road and Messer Road. Shae stated that he would take care of the matter the following morning. The Board had no further questions or concerns.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT
Dan Scott provided an Emergency Management update, reporting that approximately 25 Emergency Management Directors from Sullivan and Merrimack Counties attended a recent meeting. He noted that the meeting was successful and that plans are underway to hold similar meetings in the future.

Dan also discussed cybersecurity and potential security risks, noting that the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) is willing to conduct a free assessment of the Town's cybersecurity and physical security risks.

BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH OFFICER REPORT
Dan Scott provided an update regarding ongoing building and code enforcement matters.

The Board discussed an ongoing code enforcement matter involving a pending appeal. Dan noted that he had discussed the matter with legal counsel and the Zoning Board Chair. Chair Tremblay felt it was best to keep the discussion in public session rather than enter into a non-public session. No names or property addresses were mentioned during the discussion. The Board agreed to proceed with legal counsel and hold the appeal hearing at its November 9th meeting. It was also suggested that Dan continue communicating with legal counsel in preparation for the hearing.

Dan Scott also brought a separate, ongoing code enforcement matter to the Board's attention and requested guidance on how to proceed. Chair Tremblay expressed concern about discussing the matter in detail during a public meeting out of respect for the resident's privacy and reputation. The Board acknowledged the situation but did not discuss the specifics or provide further direction, treating the matter as informational at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT UPDATES

- **Health Insurance Discussion:** The Board reviewed and discussed the health insurance options provided by HealthTrust for full-time Town employees. Following discussion, the Board agreed to maintain the current health insurance plan with no changes and retain the existing 90/10 employer/employee contribution split, with the Town covering 90% and employees responsible for 10%. Chair Tremblay signed the HealthTrust Benefits Renewal Package.

- **Town of Goshen Logo:** Melissa Salinardi informed the Board that the volunteer managing the Town's website had changed the logo displayed on the website to one that had not been formally approved by the Board. Melissa stated that she had already contacted the volunteer and clarified that no decision had been made regarding the Town's official seal/logo.

  The Board discussed the Town's oversight and control of its website, including the volunteer's access and history of managing the site. The Board agreed to invite Lou to its next meeting to discuss these matters further and asked Melissa to extend its appreciation for his work on the website.

  The Board also revisited its previous discussion about holding a public competition for a new Town seal/logo, with the top three submissions to be brought before voters at the Annual Town Meeting in March. Selectman Zyzdorf prepared an announcement for the competition, which will be posted on the Town's Facebook page.

  The Board also discussed the replacement of the Town signs, which had previously been approved for Alan Greenhalgh to replace using the existing logo, provided all necessary approvals from the State were obtained. Alan contacted the District 2 Department of Transportation (DOT) office and was advised that an online permit application would be required. Melissa will work with Alan to complete and submit the necessary application.

- **Employee Reviews:** Melissa Salinardi asked the Board when they would like to conduct annual employee reviews and suggested holding them on Tuesday, November 3rd, during Election Day. The Board agreed to schedule the reviews beginning at 12:00 p.m., starting with Dan Scott, followed by Shae Simino and then Melissa Salinardi.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Dog Bite Incident – Cross Road:** Melissa Salinardi informed the Board that a written complaint had been received regarding a dog bite incident on Cross Road earlier that day. The incident involved a resident who was bitten by an off-leash dog and was seeking medical treatment due to possible rabies exposure.

  Melissa confirmed that State Police had been contacted regarding the incident and that she had also notified the Town's Police Chief. Melissa also informed the Board that the resident had originally planned to attend the evening's meeting to discuss her concerns regarding the effectiveness of the current dog control law (RSA 466:30-a). However, due to the incident and the need to seek medical treatment, she was unable to attend.

  The resident expressed concerns about the current law and strongly encouraged the Town to consider adopting stricter policies or ordinances regarding dog control and leash requirements in Goshen. The Board was made aware of the incident and the resident's concerns for possible further discussion or follow-up.

There was also some discussion regarding the ownership of the dog involved in the incident, as questions were raised about whether the dog belonged to the individual initially believed to be its owner. No conclusions were reached regarding ownership.

- **Political Sign Placement on Town Property:** Sebastian Zyzdorf raised concerns regarding the placement of political signs on Town property across from Town Hall. Sebastian mentioned a complaint received during the State Primary Election, as well as concerns regarding political signs that had reportedly been removed or gone missing, particularly near the Town welcome sign on Route 10.

  The Board reviewed and discussed the laws governing political signs, including RSA 664:17 (Placement and Removal of Political Advertising), which Chair Tremblay read aloud. Discussion focused on whether political signs should be permitted on the grassy area across from Town Hall and the requirements surrounding their placement and removal. Sebastian expressed no objection to allowing political signs in that location.

  Chair Tremblay attempted to introduce a motion regarding the placement of standard-sized political signs on Town property; however, the discussion continued without a formal motion being finalized. The matter was ultimately set aside without a vote or decision by the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Gravel Estimates:** Alan Greenhalgh presented estimates related to an ongoing legal matter. Melissa Salinardi thanked Alan for his assistance in obtaining the estimates, which will be used as the matter moves forward.

- **Ball Park Bridge Update:** State approval to move forward with the next phase of the Ball Park Road Bridge project has been received. Flagging in the area was completed on October 16th, and borings are scheduled for November 5th. No action is required from the Board at this time.

- **Litigation Update/Non-Public Session:** None

STANDING ITEMS & OTHER

- **Budget Review:** The Board reviewed the monthly budget report with no questions or concerns raised. Alan Greenhalgh asked the Road Agent about the process for obtaining rock salt quotes.
- **Abandoned Property**
- **Planning Board Update:** The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for November 5th, with a subdivision on Route 31/Washington Road on the agenda. The annual gravel pit inspection was conducted on October 17th at 9:00 a.m. The Planning Board reported no concerns following its inspection of the Pike gravel pit.

Derek Tremblay motioned to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Sebastian Zyzdorf seconded the motion. All were in favor-yes; motion carried, 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Salinardi

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Operational Readiness Report October 2026

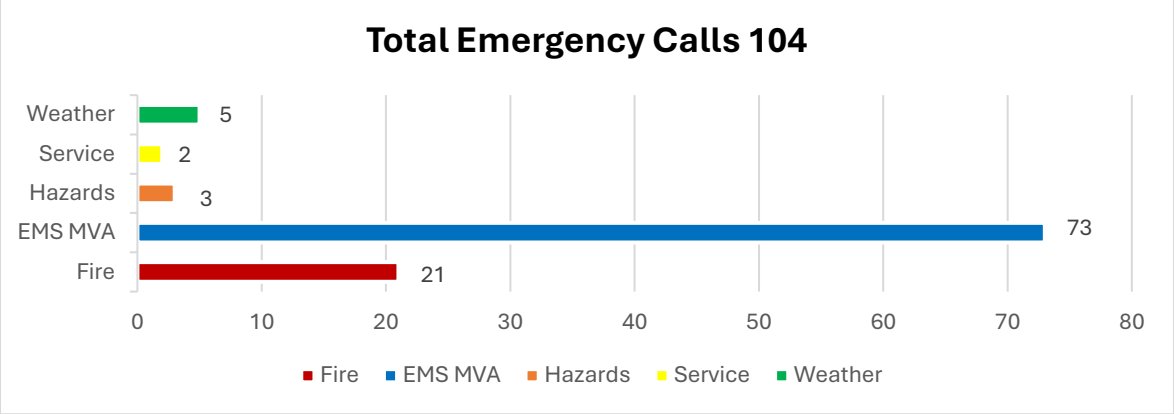
1. Current active membership stands at 18 including 2 Cadet Members.

2. All apparatus and firefighting equipment passed the monthly safety inspection and were tested according to department SOPs. The next apparatus monthly inspection is set for November 2026. Federal vehicle inspections and planned maintenance were conducted for all Goshen Fire Apparatus and passed.

3. All members are receiving ongoing standardized training in accordance with the New Hampshire Fire Academy and NFPA standards, focusing on fire ground safety, PPE / SCBA, tools, firefighting equipment, and emergency response. Planned monthly Fire Fighting and Rescue drills for October include:

- Newport EMS Ambulance familiarization
- Fire Prevention Activities
- Fire Extinguishers.

4. Goshen Fire / Rescue has responded to 104 emergency calls for 2026 with 15 being for Mutual Aid to Lempster, Sunapee, Newport, Claremont and Unity.



5. The Goshen Fire Department has received a FEMA AFG Grant for $180,523.80 to procure new MSA G1 SCBA's to replace the 20-year-old units in inventory. The total budget for the project is $189,550.00 with the Fire Department cost share of $9026.20 out of the PPE capitol reserve fund.

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6. The Fire Department had a successful Annual Chicken Barbecue and fund raiser on Goshen Old Home Day September 26 and partnered with the Olive G. Pettis Library on Fire Prevention activities on October 25th.