Town of Goshen
Select Board Meeting
Minutes of Meeting
August 10, 2020

• Present: Dianne Craig, Steve Smith, Bruce Nadeau, Kevin Bevilacqua, Josh Stevens, Steve Belden, Bonnie Belden, Alan Howe, Alicea Bursey, Mike Batista, Trisha Labossiere, Dennis Giannotti, Cindy Rouillard

• The meeting came to order at 6:35 pm.

• The check reports were reviewed and signed.

• Steve made a motion to approve the July 13th & 27th minutes, Bruce 2nd the motion. All in favor.

• Bonnie Belden, Library Trustee Chair, and the Select Board reviewed (see attached) information she emailed to the Select Board in regards to tree work. Jesse West, from DJ Tree Work and Landscaping will be doing. Mr. West is requesting letter of approval to do the tree work from the Select Board. Bruce made a motion to write a letter to Mr. West giving him permission to do the tree work at the Library, Dianne 2nd the motion. All in favor.

• Alicea stated she reached out to other town to see what their policies are for recreational areas. Alicea said some towns have permits, residents only, etc. Lakes, rivers & streams are not being monitored this year. Today federal money to the state was approved for the American Land Act.

• Steve stated since a resident posted her land that abuts Gunnison Lake and rope swing was taken down there has been less trash.

• Dianne stated the Select Board would continue to look into Gunnison Lake how changes can be made.

• Officer Batista stated:
  1. More people are parking at the main gate.
  2. Less people are at the rope swing area. When he checked today there was no one there and was about 15 cars at the parking area, majority were families.
  3. No cars have been parked on Center Road this year when he has checked.

• Bruce stated A Public Hearing has been posted for discussion on the Class VI Rd for August 24th at 5:30 p.m.

• Bruce made a motion to have Dianne sit as the Chairperson for the Select Board while he is out on sick leave. Steve 2nd the motion. All in favor.

• Bruce stated the Board was able to find the money to replace the 16 culverts on the Rand Pond Rd project. Dianne explained where the monies are coming from. $6,103.60 will come for the Roads and Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund and $3,000 will come from of the Fire Department Budget that Chief Peterson agreed to. The total cost to replace 16 culverts will be $16,103.60. The Select Board was able to save $2,200 by purchasing the culverts themselves. The total cost of the Rand Pond Rd project is $89,103.60. Dianne made a motion to sign the contract for the culvert replacements, Bruce 2nd the motion. All in favor.

• Alicia updated the Select Board on the status on Board Band. She explained the difference between copper and fiber optic lines. Fiber is better. The Select Board should consider raising a bond for the project. No taxes will be raised because the cost will be pasted on to customers that sign up for the internet. The cost of $11 per customer (plus the cost of the internet service). RFP’s will come from the
Select Board. 90% of the town is underserved. Bruce made a motion to research bonds, Steve 2nd the motion. All in favor.

- Dianne stated Keith Martz is interested in the Conservation Commission. Keith will be asked to come to the next Select Board meeting.
- The Select Board reviewed an email from a resident with questions regarding the Town Beach.
  
  Q. Is the Town finished with the work that was being done at the beach?
  
  A. Steve stated right now they were finished, but work could be done in the future. If there is storm damage, and any maintenance that will be fixed
  
  Q. Is Dubois road a private road or town road and can people park on the road if they are going to the beach?
  
  A. Dubois road is a private Rd and the town has a right away. The Board will do research to find out who owns the road.

- Cindy will put a help wanted ad in the newspaper for an operator. The ad will be posted on the web, post office and town office.
- Alicea and Steve attended a meeting in Lempster in regards to the ATV use to of town roads.
- Diane stated she reached out to Plumbers and electricians for the Grange project. The septic grant was approved and the Select Board thanked Sandy for all her hard work.
- There will be a meeting for the Memorial Monument August 17th at 6:00 p.m. at the town hall.
- Bruce made a motion to adjourned at 8:00, Dianne 2nd the motion. All in favor