

***Town of Goshen
Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting
June 29, 2015***

Present: Bob Bell, Edward Andersen, Sr., William “Chip” Ball, Jan Parmalee, Peta Brenan, Mike Sullivan, Bob Johnson, Nate Miller, Adam Ricker, Dan Peterson, Jessica Dennis, Bea Jillette, Cindy Rouillard

The meeting came to order at 6:00 p.m.

- The check reports were reviewed and signed.
- Adam Ricker from the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission was present to discuss the Sugar River Bank on Mill Village Road. Adam stated a couple of years ago DES came and did an assessment of the lower Sugar River directly across the street to the town line. He presented the Board with a map of the river. The river has one sensitivity rating which is the extreme. It is probable for erosion. DES has hired a couple of interns to do assessments. Since the assessment has been complete the interns would take the data and write a 2 to 10 page report and put it in language the town could understand. Adam will contact DES and request them to do this project.
- Nate Miller, from Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission was present to discuss road projects in Goshen. Bob asked Nate if UVLSRPC was helping the Town of Acworth form a road committee. The town wants to also form a Road committee. Nate explained there is only 3 funds for roads from the state:
 1. Highway Block Grants.
 2. State aid highway 2/3 from the state 1/3 local for improvements and reconstruction of bridges. This fund may dissolve.
 3. State Aid Bridge Program (the only grants) only source of fund outside of Fema. A long waiting list to have this to happen.
- Nate discussed a few different options that may become available.
- The realignment of Messer Road was discussed and what would need to be done to proceed on the project. Nate suggested the first thing should be Signs and a car counter and the crash data. From the last 10 years. Find out if the crashes are in Sunapee or Goshen. They would look at all the factors and look at low cost options as a starting point. Try to get signage (sharp corner & speed). Realignment would be done after all other options are reviewed.
- Bob asked Nate if he would be willing to attend the meetings once the road committee is formed. Nate said he would be available. Nate stated they may be able to do other data

collection even though you the program will not be available for awhile. Nate stated the town would be able to get traffic counters to get a sense of the usage of the roads. Upper Valley collects all the data from for the state roads. The DOT website post all the information on the roads.

- Nate discussed the software that will become available for managing to roads. Acworth will be the first town to try the software. Nate asked the selectmen if they would be interested and becoming the 2nd town to use the software. The Board all agreed they would want to try the software at no cost to the town.
- Peta Brenna stated the corner or RT 31 and RT 10 is dangerous and wants to know why DOT won't install a mirror, as she has called DOT several times requesting it (The Federal Highway Administration Nate explained that the manual uniform traffic control device may not allow this. (FHWA) publishes the MUTCD, which contains all national design, application, and placement, standards, guidance, options, and support provisions for traffic control devices. The purpose of the MUTCD is to provide uniformity of these devices, which include signs, signals, and pavement markings, to promote highway safety and efficiency on the Nation's streets and highways). Nate recommended Peta call the DOT office in Enfield.
- Bob stated he wants to explore different options in regards to road repairs and that is why the board wants to form a committee. Mike Sullivan asked how the committee would be formed. Bob said there would be a posting to see who is interested.
- The Center Road project was discussed.
- Chief Dan Peterson stated the Town of Charlestown has left South Western NH Dispatch. Charlestown has sent a mutual aid contract and Chief Peterson does not feel comfortable signing it without the Boards approval and doesn't know if it is beneficial for Goshen to sign it. In 26 years and has not been to Charlestown for anything. Jessica stated it is a long way to Charlestown, and forestry would be covered under the state's agreement. If there were a big fire, Goshen could still go to the fire and charge them. Further discussion will be done before it is decided to sign or not.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.