

**Town of Goshen
Planning Board
Minutes of October 16, 2014**

Members Present: Doug O'Clair, Chair; Alicea Bursey, Vice-Chair; Chip Ball; George Hebert; Bruce Nadeau

Chair O'Clair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Gravel Pit - Annual Site Visit

Chair O'Clair informed the Board that on October 15, 2014 the Zoning Board of Adjustment granted a special exception to Newport Sand & Gravel for Phase II of the Anderson Gravel Pit.

The Board discussed with Shaun Carroll, Jr. the details for the site visit. It was agreed upon that Mr. Carroll and the Board shall meet at the Anderson Gravel Pit on November 1, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. After the site review of the Anderson Gravel Pit, Phase I and potential Phase II, the group shall visit the Davis Gravel Pit off Lear Hill Road for the same.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Capital Improvements Plan 2015 - 2020

Chair O'Clair opened the public hearing for input and comments from the public.

Member of the public present: John Scranton

Chair O'Clair explained that the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) is a six-year program to plan and fiscally prepare for projects that exceed \$3,000.00 and have an expected life cycle of five years or more. The intent of the CIP is to address projected needs of the town with a minimum or no effect on the tax rate. All of the department heads were interviewed in order to gather information on needs and estimated costs for each department covering the next six years. The Board rated and ranked the requests, as illustrated on page 6 of the proposed CIP. The Town is not ready to begin some of the projects in 2015, but the ground work can be done in 2015 in preparation to begin in 2016 or subsequent years.

Chair O'Clair explained that page 13 of the CIP illustrates the different projects and potentially funding options. This schedule was compiled by analyzing the past eight years of town budgets and trying to stay within the same margin of spending. The Plan is just a plan that will hopefully be used as a guide for the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee when preparing budgets and improvements for the Town. There is flexibility within the plan.

Chair O'Clair asked the Board and Mr. Scranton if there were any comments, outside of punctuation.

Mr. Scranton asked why none of the projects were deemed a "1" for urgency.

Ms. Bursey explained that in order to a project to rate a "1" for urgency, by definition, the project '*cannot be delayed; needed immediately for public health and safety*'. None of the proposed projects met that description.

Mr. Scranton commented that use of the Grange Hall has been talked about for years and is very important to the Town.

Mr. O'Clair explained that the Board discussed the Grange Hall in depth and all agreed that before the Grange Hall can be used, it will need a well and septic. Therefore, the Board chose to address the well and septic study and implementation before the actual renovation of the Grange Hall...can't use it to its full potential if there is no well or septic.

Mr. Scranton commented that he hopes the Board of Selectmen follows through with the plan. Studies have been done in the past and nothing has ever been followed through.

Mr. Nadeau commented that he believes a system could be built near the Grange to service the Grange and the Fire Department, but one may also be able to be put near the library. The Town can always get a waiver from the State for well setbacks.

No further comments.

Mr. Nadeau made a motion to approve the Capital Improvements Plan as reviewed this evening. Mr. Ball seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Board commended and thanked Ms. Bursey for a great job drafting and laying out the CIP in a very informative and easy-to-follow document.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Bursey informed the Board that after the Thursday, November 6, 2014 Planning Board meeting, she will no longer be able to attend Thursday evening meetings. The Board agreed to switch their regular meeting night to Tuesday evenings as 7:00 p.m. beginning Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Bursey made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Nadeau seconded the motion. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Next meeting: November 1, 2014, Site Review at Anderson Gravel Pit 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Plunkett
Recording Secretary