

**Town of Goshen
Planning Board
Minutes of April 3, 2014**

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

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

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of March 20, 2014.

Mr. Nadeau made a motion to accept the minutes of March 20, 2014 as written. Mr. Hebert seconded the motion. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CIP

Chair O'Clair reviewed the purpose of the CIP and explained that the Board of Selectmen have the final authority to implement and/or follow the schedule outlined by the Planning Board.

Highway Department

The Board met with Kevin Bevilacqua, Road Agent, to discuss future needs of the Highway Department that may be appropriate to incorporate into the Capital Improvements Plan.

Mr. Bevilacqua discussed roads that would require the most expensive work.

1. Center Road. The most in need of future is repair of Center Road. The road was never built properly to begin with. There is mostly ledge under the base. Three years ago United Construction quoted \$122,000 to grind the existing road covering, build the road up 18 inches, install culverts where needed, re-do driveway aprons to match the grades for; all for a distance of one-half of a mile. There would be an additional \$130,000 to repave the surface after the groundwork was done.

2. Lear Hill Road. There are large rocks that need to be removed from the road bed and sides of Lear Hill Road. The ditch lines need to be re-built to lower them below the road grade. It is difficult to keep water out of the road when the center of the road is lower than the ditches.

3. Mummery Road Bridge. Mr. Bevilacqua stated that Mummery Road bridge has been red listed and will need to be addressed in the near future.

Chair O'Clair speculated that since Mummery Road bridge is smaller than Cross Road bridge (which cost \$340,000), perhaps Mummery Road bridge would not cost so much. The State Dept. of Transportation would determine what size bridge or box culvert needs to be built.

4. Old Province Road. Old Province Road is comparable to Center Road regarding road conditions and work required.

Mr. Bevilacqua discussed equipment that will need to be replaced or repaired.

1. 1994 Ford. The 20-year-old Ford needs to be replaced first. It still passes inspection, but maybe not for much longer. \$20,000 - \$30,000 would be a good budget figure for a good, used truck to take its place. The sanders are in good shape.

Mr. Bevilacqua commented that the 2003 Backhoe, the Grader, and the 2001 Mack are all in good shape. The Backhoe needs some work, but the cost of repairs is minor compared to the cost of purchasing a new one. However, there is no way to wash the salt off in the winter. The highway garage is a 40 ft. x 40 ft farm shed. It is well insulated and functional.

Mr. Nadeau commented that the equipment is getting old and the building should be upgraded, including hot water and a truck wash. He suggested that the road work could be done by the Town in order to save money instead of contracting the work out. The Town could rent whatever equipment the Highway Department workers need. The money saved could be used to upgrade the highway department building.

Mr. Bevilacqua agreed that the Highway Department workers have the ability and skill to perform the road work. The necessary equipment will have to be rented and the road material will have to be purchased. The Board agreed with Mr. Bevilacqua that a gravel road is cheaper and easier to maintain than a road with hot top.

Chair O'Clair commented that it is the Planning Board's duty to create a list of priorities. It is up to the Board of Selectmen and the Department head to decide how and when it gets done.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dan Peterson, Fire Chief, asked for clarification of a subdivision approval regarding a specific dry hydrant. The new owners of the property have put up a chain across the access to the dry hydrant, which is denying the fire department access to that water source.

Chair O'Clair commented that the Fire Department should not be denied access to a water source. The new owners may not be aware that access to that dry hydrant was a condition of the subdivision.

Mr. Peterson stated that he will contact the new owner to explain the necessity for access.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CIP

Transfer Station

In to discuss the Capital Improvement needs for the Transfer Station were Ed Anderson, Gordon Bartlett and Ron Kempton. Mr. Anderson reported that the transfer station was given a good report after the State Inspector visited.

Mr. Kempton commented that one of the first things that needs to be done is

1. Bring up the retaining for safety, perhaps with the use of jersey barriers. There may also need to be 4 ft. gates installed, also for safety reasons.

2. A new compactor should be budgeted for. The existing compactor is ten years old and is serviced annually. It is still in working condition.

Mr. Bartlett commented that

3. A new dumpster should also be budgeted for. One of the three dumpsters needs to be altered to reinforce the sides. The town would need to consult the servicing company to determine the life time of the compactor.

Mr. Moen asked if there was a book of servicing schedule.

Mr. Kempton stated that those records are maintained at the Selectmen's Office.

Mr. Moen suggested that the town should probably budget for a new canister every six years in anticipation of weather-related wear and tear (e.g. rust). The dumpsters could be rotated every six years, and keep one spare on hand.

Mr. Bartlett commented that the building also needs some alterations.

1. A place to leave oil and batteries would be helpful.

2. Building or shed to lock tools for maintaining the facility would also be helpful.

Bathroom facilities are shared at the highway department.

Introduction

The Board reviewed the introduction written by Ms. Bursey.

Chair O'Clair stated that he will retrieve the past six years' town reports to analyze the expenses to review at the next meeting. Also, the Board should review the Masterplan to make sure the CIP is written along with the spirit of the Masterplan.

Mr. Moen commented that it would be nice to see the stats on how much money the Town has saved from the improvements it has made in the recent years.

Mr. Nadeau made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hebert seconded the motion. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next meeting: April 17, 2014
Respectfully submitted,

Linda Plunkett
Recording Secretary