

**Town of Goshen  
Planning Board  
Minutes of August 7, 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.

**MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes of July 17, 2014.

**Ms. Bursey made a motion to accept the minutes of July 17, 2014 as written. Chair O'Clair seconded the motion. All in favor.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**CIP**

Chair O'Clair explained that the projections that the Board agreed upon at the last meeting are not set in stone. He emphasized that the CIP is just a plan and can be altered in any way at any point in time. He advised that the Board needs to come up with consensus on the proposed dollar amounts discussed at the last meeting. The Board of Selectmen have the authority to spend beyond the CIP recommendation since the Planning Board left room in each year for discretionary spending based on prior years' budgets. The financing for the items can be addressed as follows:

- Roads - Bond Issue
- Bridge - Capital Reserve
- Highway - Capital Reserve
- Fire - Capital Reserve
- Septic- Capital Reserve
- Grange - Capital Reserve

Mr. Nadeau asked where the \$30,000 figure for Center Road came from.

Chair O'Clair explained that the Road Agent gave the Board estimates for road work. If the town were to start in the year 2015 and paid \$30,000 each year in bond debt, then it should be about complete in three years.

Chair O'Clair commented that Mummery Road Bridge will eventually be an issue, but is on hold until the State addresses Route 10.

Mr. Ball commented that there is no certain time when the State will address Route 10, but if they raise the road, then they may have to pick up the cost to mitigate the alterations. The Board

agreed that even if the State picks up the cost, the town should still budget for the Mummery Road Bridge repair.

Chair O'Clair commented that the Highway Department will need a new plow truck in the near future. The Town may be able to get something from the State surplus. Additionally, the Fire Department fire equipment needs to be kept current for safety issues.

Chair O'Clair explained that the septic design should be a new Capital Reserve Fund, something needs to be done to get the ball rolling to design a new well and septic solution for the Fire Department/Grange site. An engineer is needed.

Mr. Nadeau asked if the Board considered any improvements to the Town Highway Shed.

Chair O'Clair explained that there is nothing in this six year plan for Town Shed improvements. Some repairs have been done to make it adequate for now, and additional improvements could be planned for in the next six-year plan.

Mr. Ball stated that the Board of Selectmen will seek out any bonds available for improvements discussed.

Chair O'Clair explained that the Board needs to keep realistic goals for the Town. It cannot foresee what will happen in the future; there could be a financial emergency or there could be an influx of tax money due to increased property values if the Mountain expands. However, the lower the costs to the CIP, the more likely it will be that it is followed.

Mr. Ball acknowledged that once this plan is presented to the public, more thoughts and ideas will come forth.

Mr. Hebert asked if the Road Agent indicated if the road work could be done in sections or if it had to be done all at one time.

Chair O'Clair commented that the Road Agent did not address the road improvements being done in sections, but Chair O'Clair commented that the town may be better off waiting until the total funding is in place and completing the project all at once.

The Board discussed the layout of the CIP draft. Chair O'Clair agreed to compare the Masterplan goals with the CIP goals to make sure they complement each other.

Chair O'Clair explained that there is no Capital Improvements budgeted to the school this year because the Goshen students will be attending an anchor school, therefore the only two bills will be for bussing and tuition to the anchor school.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Mountain Reach**

Chair O'Clair informed the Board that it appears that there has been no development up at the Mountain Reach project, except for mowing of grass. Therefore, if the developers plan to move forward, they will need to start the application process over from the beginning

### **Mount Sunapee Master Plan**

August 26, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. there will be a public hearing on the Mount Sunapee five year master plan which includes discussion of expansion of the ski trails in to Goshen.

**Ms. Bursey made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hebert seconded the motion. All in favor.**  
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting: August 21,2014

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Plunkett  
Recording Secretary