

Town of Goshen
Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting
June 13, 2016

Present: Bob Bell, Sr., William "Chip" Ball, Doug O'Clair, Chief Dan Peterson, Peta Brennen, Jeremy Trow, Steve Smith, Cindy Rouillard.

The meeting came to order at 6:35 p.m.

- Check Reports were reviewed and signed.
- The Selectmen opened the bids for the Center Road Project. The following company's submitted bids:

Fulton Construction	\$128,119.00
Thomas Hershey	\$135,455.00
United Construction	\$100,350.00
K.A. Stevens	\$128,432.00

Doug stated he would like the board to meet with United Construction to review the bid. Chip and Bob agreed.

- Bob stated it was time to discuss the different options on the health insurance. Doug said government jobs are usually low paying and better benefits to compensate the pay. Doug stated the town cannot afford the Cadillac tax. Peta gave the Board a list of the increases of what the future policy cost of the health insurance policy could be. The town would be \$6,000 over the cost on the current policy and which would qualify for the Cadillac Tax. The town would have to pay 40% on \$6000.00 that exceeds the limit. Doug stated the town has to do something about the insurance and feels they would need to compensate the employees because they will take a hit. Peta stated as a tax payer she feels it is up to the board to represent the tax payers not the employees, there are ways the employees could be compensated. A budget meeting will be held soon and more discussion needs to be done.
- Chief Peterson introduced Jason Trow to the Board. Dan stated the forest fire off from Brook Road was caused from Mr. Trow and Joshua Trow target practicing in dry conditions. Mr. Trow did the correct thing by calling 911 and tried to keep the fire contained until the fire department arrived. The town received a bill for \$200.00 from another town. The Selectmen decided they would not charge Mr. Trow's for the fee.

The Board stated they were very pleased with how they handled the situation. Mr. Trow thanked the Board and offered to make a donation to the fire department.

- Steve Smith asked the Board if he could hang a banner on the Grange for Old Home Day. The Board agreed to have the banner hung.
- Cindy stated the revaluation budget is over. It cost more money for the assessors to go to the campground than tax money coming in. All the information is not being provided from the campground. The campers move in and out and it is hard for her to keep track of this. Doug stated he would go talk with the campground owner to see if things could be easier and more cost efficient.
- Doug stated the plans Kevin Dennis drew for the grange hall would be good to get some numbers for the cost to update the hall.
- Bob stated the historical society requested to place another safe at the town office. Bob said there is not enough room and it should be put in the grange.
- The Board reviewed the proposed plans from the Goshen Garden Partners. Doug stated he will contact Cyndi Phillips to find out who the go to person is. The flowers cannot exceed the budget of \$500.00 that was appropriated.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm