

Town of Goshen
Selectboard meeting
Minutes of Meeting
January 27, 2020

Present: Bob Bell, Bruce Nadeau, Dianne Craig, Cindy Rouillard, see attached.

The meeting came to order at 6:30 pm

- The check reports were reviewed and signed.
- Bob stated the Selectboard had wanted to enter into a contract with Newport Amulance as done in prior years. Bob presented the cost of the previous years ambulance contracts and how they were for 1 year. When the contracts started to come through with 3 years the selectboard revised the contract to 1 year and signed the contract and sent it back to Newport. Newport did not dispute the revision.

Bob explained the contract for 2020 was for 3 years Diane and Bob revised it to extend the contract for 30 days to allow some time to work out the contact issues and it was sent back. Newport did not agree and gave the Selectboard a only a 17-day extension. Cindy reached out to Golden Cross Ambulance and New London to see about their coverage. After much discussion the Selectboard had to sign a contract with Golden Cross or the town would have had no coverage. The contact returned by Newport had a clause ending all coverage after the extension and unless a a 3-year contract was signed. New London could not give the cost for their ambulance service for 3 months. They needed an RFP. New London agreed to participate in mutual aid as back-up for Goshen. On January 9th the Selectmen discussed that if Newport gave us one year or a 3 year with an escape clause the Board would sign the contract.

On January 9th Bruce met with Hunter Rieseberg Newport Town Manger to discuss the contract. Bruce stated the Selectmen could not sign a 3-year contract without the escape clause. Bruce was at Mr. Rieseberg office for 2.5 hours and discussed many options. Mr. Rieseberg stated he would bring the 1-year contract and escape clause before the Newport Selectboard and call Bruce later that day. Bruce did not hear from Mr. Rieseberg until Monday, January 13th at 3:00 pm. Rieseberg stated "take the contract as is or leave it". Mr. Rieseberg also stated he was rude to Cindy when he called her Dec 31st on her home phone.

- Steve Smith spoke (see attached) and disputed the way the Selectboard handled the contract with Newport. His concern was the distance from Claremont to Goshen. He explained if at the time of his father's heart attack if it would have been Golded Cross his father probably wouldn't have lived because of the distance.

Steve spoke with Newport regarding the contract for and the Town Manger rewrote the contract with an escape clause and emailed it to Bob Bell. The email address the Town Manger used was not one that was ever used and apparently did not work. It was not sent to the regular Selectboard address. None of the Selectboard or Cindy ever received the new contract.

There was discussion with the audience.

Dianne made a motion to review the new contract given to the Selectboard by Steve Smith if everything is what the Selectboard asked for to accept and sign the contract. There was no 2nd motion.

Bob Bell made a motion to amend the motion to review the contract and sign if verified with Newport the next day.

Steve Smith asked how the town would be notified. Bob stated, on the Goshen Web Site.

Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting approximately at 8:15 pm. Bruce 2nd and Dianne 3rd the motion.

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Please PRINT name

JAN PARMFLEA	Tracy Bevilacqua
Karen Winterholer	Kevin Bevilacqua
ERYC B. COURMAC	Ryan Hill
ENNIE DENNIS	Brandon Stocker
GARY DENNIS	JAMM KAWYLA
DENNIS GIANNOTTI	Zachary Dickinson
KENNY PARENTEAU	Christopher R. Moen
Melissa ALMSTROM	Timothy A. Mevette
Laurie Wilkinson	Jodi Parenteau
BERNIE CUTLER	Sherri Moen
Christine Smith	DAN PETERSON
Hannah Everitt	PETA BRENNAN
Jammin Everitt	John Scraggton
Steven Smith	Steve Belgen
Barbara Paronto	
Matthew Jekubovich	
Chelsea Testa	
John Perron	
Ana Villarreal	
Alison Langlois	
MARK J. LANGLOIS	
Peter Hanson	
Peter Hanson	
Kathryn Hanson	
Frederic Smith	
Alan Greenhelg III	
Robert Lamb	

Ambulance Timeline

- **Nov 13:**
 - Newport's Executive Assistant emailed a the new contract to Goshen's Administrative Assistant.
 - Goshen's Administrative Assistant replied thanking Newport's Executive Assistant
- **Nov 25:** Newport Ambulance contract not on agenda, nor discussed at Selectmen's meeting.
- **Dec 9:**
 - Newport's Executive Assistant emailed Goshen's Administrative Assistant followed up, looking for an update on the status of the Ambulance Agreement.
 - Goshen's Administrative Assistant replied and stated there would be a Goshen Select Board meeting that evening. Contract would be discussed.
 - Newport's Executive Assistant emailed back thanking Goshen's Administrative Assistant
- **Dec 9:** Newport Ambulance contract not on agenda, nor discussed at Selectmen's meeting.
- **Dec 10:**
 - Goshen's Administrative Assistant emailed Dale Girard from Golden Cross requesting a quote for EMS service for Goshen.
 - Dale Girard replied with a quote for \$7,500 for the year.
- **Dec 10:**
 - Goshen's Administrative Assistant replied to Newport saying the Goshen Select Board did not make a decision yet on the contract. Asked when the deadline was.
 - Newport's Executive Assistant emailed back stating the current contract expires Dec 31, 2019
- **Dec 16:**
 - Goshen's Administrative Assistant emailed Dale Girard requesting a contract so the BOS could review for tonight (Dec 16th) BOS meeting.
 - Girard replied asking if the BOS had considered the time difference between Golden Cross and Newport. Asked if Newport is no longer interested in servicing Goshen. Stated he wanted to be upfront with everything.
 - Goshen's Administrative Assistant replied stated they just wanted to see options and what a contract would say.
 - Girard sent the contract.
- **Dec 16:** Goshen's Administrative Assistant emailed Shawn Riley requesting a quote from NLH for Ambulance services. Stated would provide number of calls received in 2018 & 2019

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- **Dec 16:** Selectmen meeting - BOS discussed two bids for 2020 EMS service. The two bids in question were not listed on the minutes, so it is unclear as to what bids were discussed.
- **Dec 18:** Shawn Riley replied stating after talking with the CEO, he could provide a quote
- **Dec 26:** Goshen's Administrative Assistant emailed Shawn Riley from the New London requesting a quote for Ambulance services 24/7 (request to have by 12/30 meeting)
- **Dec 26:** Shawn Riley replied would need some time to get this done, due to holiday schedule
- **Dec 30:** Selectmen's meeting - (according to the "draft" minutes online) BOS discussed the (implied) Newport EMS contract. Stated was a 3 year contract, requested a one year. Bob & Diane revised the current contract for an additional 30 days. Contract to be sent to Newport for approval.
- **Dec 31:** Goshen's Administrative Assistant spoke with Newport's Town Manager via phone. Stated Goshen revised the contract for 30 days. Newport's Town Manager replied he would not sign the contract, stated Goshen should not have waited until the last minute to get this done, and the service contract ended on Dec 31. Additionally, he stated a new contract for 2 weeks would be drawn up and sent to Goshen for a term of 2 weeks. Goshen requested to amend the contract and the Town Manager said there would be no revision.
- **Dec 31:** Newport's Finance Director emailed Goshen's Administrative Assistant with contract extension
- **Dec 31:** Goshen's Administrative Assistant sent back the signed contract
- **Jan 7:**
 - Goshen's Administrative Assistant emailed Shawn Riley calls per year from 2006 - 2019.
 - Shawn Riley replied thanking Goshen's Administrative Assistant
- **Jan 8:**
 - Goshen's Administrative Assistant emailed Shawn Riley looking for numbers to present to Goshen's BOS on 1/9. Stated contract does not need to be complete.
 - Shawn Riley replied stating he would not be able to give Goshen number cost for service, but was willing to attend the meeting to talk about NLH EMS's services and answer questions.
- **Jan 9:** Goshen's Administrative Assistant emailed Shawn Riley stating the BOS meeting was today (Jan 9) at 10am. Asked if he could attend. Riley replied saying he could attend.

Ambulance Timeline

- **Jan 9:** Selectmen's meeting - (according to the "draft" minutes) Shawn Riley attended, discussed NLH's EMS. BOS discussed Bruce would talk to Newport's Town Manager about amending contract from 3 year to 1 year and put in "escape clause."
- **Jan 10:** Shawn Riley emailed Goshen's Administrative Assistant stating that NLH would be unable to enter into any short or long term agreement with Goshen, according to the timeline requested. NLH would entertain an RFP in the future.
- **Jan 13:** Selectmen's meeting - (according to "draft" minutes.). Bruce stated he met with Newport's Town Manager requesting "escape clause." Bruce said the Newport Town Manager would not amend the contract. Bob stated Goshen could not enter into a 3 year contract and would have to sign contract with Golden Cross. Bruce motioned to sign contract, Bob seconded the motion. After the contract was signed, the BOS contacted Goshen's Fire Chief to discuss the contract with Golden Cross.
- **Jan 14:** Goshen's Fire Chief contracted BOS for timeline so he could get NH 911 and call card information set.
- **Jan 15:** Newport's Town Manager sent this

Dear Mr. Bell & Members of the Board...

This note is to confirm that pursuant to a telephone conversation with Goshen Selectmen Nadeau this morning, that the Town of Goshen has elected to not renew its contract with the Town of Newport for ambulance/EMS and related dispatch services. Termination of these services will become effective at midnight on January 17th, 2020.

Accordingly, as the Town of Newport will no longer be providing these services, EMS/ambulance and dispatch services will need to be provided by others - as you and your community may deem appropriate.

We thank you for the opportunity to have served you over the years and wish you the best in obtaining satisfactory EMS/dispatch services going forward.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact me directly.

Most Sincerely,

Hunter F. Rieseberg
Town Manager
Town of Newport