



Regular Selectboard Meeting

October 10, 2022

Unapproved Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane O'Classen and Thomasina Magoon.

OTHERS PRESENT: Andrea Raymond, Marci Hayes, Jim Hayes, Rip Mason, Dave Sabatini, Timmi Moffi, Annina Seiler, Tammy Walsh, Fran Viko, Susanne George, and Madine Reed.

MEETING 7:07pm

CALLED TO

ORDER

Diane O'Classen stated the meeting will be recorded. Thomasina inquired how the recording would be stored and would need to be available to the public. Diane stated this would be up for discussion, the recording would be stored at the Town Office, it will be a help for Marci with the minutes and is for everyone's protection.

CHANGES TO 2 minutes

AGENDA

Two changes to the agenda; a letter received from Dave Sabatini to be under Waste Collection and Executive Session at the end per request from Thomasina.

MEETING 14 minutes

MINUTES

Diane stated there were many mistakes with the minutes. Diane requested the meeting minutes be emailed to her as previously done and not just available on the website. Diane stated on the website the minutes do not read as unapproved, this needs to be corrected and written as unapproved moving forward. Diane would like to have corrections as stated and accurately. Diane read the following excerpt taken from the previous meeting minutes in which was written, "Thomasina voiced concerns about meeting minutes, she stated under Citizens Concerns she wants to clarify that comments stated by someone else associated with the board does not represent the Selectboard. Thomasina states that the board should either allow open public comment throughout the meeting or have no citizens speak, only board members, this would include those who are associated with the board. Thomasina clarified that this would go for the selectboard

clerk”, this was from the minutes of 9-27-2022. Diane stated that to her memory this was incorrect, she invited Thomasina to clarify this. Thomasina stated that Jeff had just stated that the meetings are for the Selectboard, Thomasina then asked that if the board was going to do that then that includes everyone, including the clerk. Thomasina explained how this then led her into other clarifying statements that were made under Citizens Concerns. Thomasina stated it is not clearly written as she stated and as she asked it to be. Diane asked that this be corrected. Thomasina stated that the narrative style of minutes is not conducive to accuracy. Thomasina explained that comments made during Citizens Concerns, where there was a narrative being stated in regards to one of Goshen’s Town employee/contractor, that this statement was written/construed as accusational and that this was not a reflection from the Selectboard but from a private citizen. Diane requested to have this reworded to what Thomasina had said more accurately. Diane stated that questions, comments, etc will still be addressed at Citizen Concerns. Diane stated that the minutes did not include Dave Sabatini’s conversation with the board about what was said from the previous meeting (9-12-2022), of which Diane was absent for, Diane stated that this information is missing and needs to be there. Diane asked for clarification with Jeff Cathcart’s comment during the discussion with the forest service, she had a question about the bill. Thomasina stated that this is in regards to work with a grant and the board needs to work further on this. Diane inquired if Timmi was a typo, Thomasina stated Timmi is the name of Dave’s friend.

Thomasina thanked Diane for addressing the issues she noted. Thomasina stated underneath the Notice of Change to the Grand List, where it stated “Thomasina doesn’t want to sign this”. She would like to clarify that she requested more information and the entire board felt the same as they were given a piece of paper with no explanation. She stated that this was the decision of the entire board, not just her.

MOTION FOR MINUTES

Thomasina motions to have minutes reflect the changes that were just discussed and approved as such. Diane, 2nd.

NEW BUSINESS

37 minutes

Selectboard Letter of Resignation

Jeff Cathcart emailed a letter of resignation on Wednesday October 5, 2022, effective immediately. Thomasina reads the letter aloud. Jeff wrote of his resignation, that he has turned in his key, asks that his code be removed from the Town buildings, that he has been happy to serve the Town in his capacity,

but does not agree with the direction that the Town is heading or the directions and ideas of other board members. He will contact agencies and grant people to let them know he is no longer a contact for the Town. Diane accepts Jeff Cathcart's resignation and would like to send a letter of thank you for all his years on the selectboard, she is sad to see him go. Diane would like to have a gift certificate to a nice restaurant purchased for Jeff. Diane motions to get a gift certificate for \$75, she inquired with Susanne if she could take care of this. Susanne suggested it should be for \$100. Diane makes a motion to have Susanne get a gift card for \$100 to a restaurant as a thank you for Jeff's years of service on the selectboard, Thomasina 2nd. Thomasina stated that she would like to have it noted that Jeff Cathcart did a lot of work on the grants and with roads.

**MOTION FOR
GIFT
CERTIFICATE**

Selectboard
Vacancy
Appointment
/process

Diane stated at the next meeting the Board will appoint someone for the vacant position. In the meantime anyone interested should contact the board. Thomasina stated this is to be posted. Diane stated that at the meeting the board can appoint someone and that appointed term would be until the Town vote in March, when the position is then elected. Thomasina stated it would be valuable to be posted on the board, on the website, and on the sandwich board. Diane would like to have it posted at the Town Office and on the website. Diane stated this is an appointment and does not need to be in three places. Annina stated Front Porch Forum is good for posting and that she is in favor of the sandwich board. Diane reminded that discussions from citizens need to be held until Citizens Concerns, but she will take that under advisement. Diane stated that they will add this to the website, to the sandwich board and to the Town Office.

Town
Furnaces

Marci stated that Jeff Cathcart was working on the furnace issue, Marci reported that there is something with the fan that the technicians can not access because of the wall. Marci stated that Jeff was hoping to look into getting a heat pump. Susanne stated that she included with the orders, a report from the technician on the findings. Susanne stated the furnace was found to be inefficient. Diane inquired if there is an access from the bathroom. Jim stated there is no access. Thomasina read the report of the furnace findings from a service call on 9/20. It was reported that the current furnace is running at 74% efficiency, new oil heating systems range from 85-87% efficiency. Keyser would like to schedule a visit to discuss the Town's

oil consumption and cost of upgrading the current heating system. Diane would like to have the furnace company come to the next meeting to discuss options and cost regarding the furnace. Thomasina stated she would make some calls and report back to the board instead. Jim stated that the current furnace is a downdraft furnace, and is attached to the duct work underneath. Jim said that an access can be cut out through the cupboard and wall to the panel or the entire furnace would need to be removed, it would be problematic to get the furnace back onto the ductwork underneath. The furnace was making funny noises, this could be the fan, belt, or motor. Thomasina inquired about the idea of using a heat pump instead of the current furnace. Jim said the guy he spoke with from Keyser said to fix the furnace may be costly and a heat pump might be a good choice. Diane was unsure if the Town, being a municipality, would qualify for efficiency of Vermont rebates. Diane stated that the heat pumps are efficient, Thomasina stated that they are expensive. Diane expressed to Marci that she would like her to have someone from the company come and talk with the board to give more information and options. Thomasina stated that she would like to do the research on this. Diane thought Thomasina had a lot to do already. Thomasina thought the board should do the work, she requests to do the work. Diane agreed and would like to have this reported back at the next selectboard meeting. Diane stated she will check with Efficiency Vermont. Thomasina will check with GMP on the heat pumps.

McGees
Driveway
Access Permit

Diane read the specs of the McGee property. This is for an access permit, being on Goshen Ripton Rd, 1.2 miles north of Carlisle Hill Rd. They will install a culvert, meet with State of Vermont B-71 specifications, have a 12' width driveway and minimum of 6" gravel depth over fabric. Jim reported that he went to look at this. He does not recommend them coming in where desired, he recommends moving to a flatter area, north about 100ft, which would give the driveway a level access. If it remains where it is there will need to be major excavating to get a level area needed. In order to get a level area of 25' needed there would then be a bank about 5' high at the end of the 25' level stretch. Jim stated both pre-existing access are steep. A 90 degree access is preferable. Thomasina inquired about the difference between this proposed site versus the one that went in at Charlotte Reider-Smiths. Jim stated that the topography is different. Jim stated that water resources need to be involved with the driveway site. Thomasina clarified if Jim is recommending a different location for the site. Jim said further down there is not a rise like where they are proposing it. Jim stated this may be close to a wetland buffer zone. Thoamsina inquired if there is access currently there, being that there

is a gate. Jim said that there was a school house there. Thomasina would like this wrapped up by the next meeting. Diane proposed to deny the permit as written and Jim will go over the permit more. Thomasina inquired who contacts water resources. Marci stated that she has already contacted Zapata Courage from Water Resources, who will be coming up and looking at the site. Jim will contact the contractor and have a further discussion with him and hopefully will get back with the board at the next meeting.

Budget
Planning
Schedule

Diane stated the budget meetings are in November. This year's dates will be November 14th and 28th. Thomasina suggested a meeting just focusing on the budget. Diane said that this is what is customarily done. Thomasina stated to have an additional meeting, other than the normal meeting so that it doesn't interrupt normal business. Diane stated that what the board has done is do one budget, either Roads or Town budget at one meeting then the other budget at the other meeting. Thomasina inquired if normal business is done. Diane said, yes the board does business as well as the budget. Diane stated the budget meetings will be on November 14th. Thoamsina would like to start with the Town Budget at that meeting. November 28th will be the Road Budget, December 12th they will have a final draft. Thomaisna inquired about what the deadline is for this. Diane believed sometime in January but she would like this done by the 12th of December.

Speed/
enforcement

Marci stated that she has received multiple complaints regarding speeding vehicles in Town. Marci stated that it was said that once the speed limit signs were up the Board would revisit getting the Sheriff in Town to patrol. Marci said by the next meeting she could have a contract for the board to sign from the Sheriff's Department. Marci inquired with the board if they want to have a contract, if so how many hours would they want. Marci stated that the Sheriff can patrol for as little or as many hours as the Town would like. Thomasina inquired what the general cost of this would be. Marci stated that she believes it was around \$30 an hour, Marci can go back through the minutes as the price was stated in a previous meeting. Thomasina stated that if we have patrolling in Goshen it should be for spring, summer, and fall, not necessarily this winter. Diane stated that issues may arise with the parking areas and she feels it would not be a bad idea to have them come up during the winter months. Thomasina inquired if the Sheriff department would present a contract for the board to review. Marci stated yes, but they would like to have an idea of how many hours the Town is looking for. Marci stated that the Town could request two visits in November, then hold off until the spring, or have them come up twice a month in November and December. Diane inquired where the funding would come from? Susanne said there is nothing set aside in the budget for this, she thinks it would come out of the road account. Diane said that this would be a new line item. Thomasina stated that the money would not be able to be spent until that fiscal year.

Thomasina stated that although there are complaints about speeding, do the taxpayers want to pay for rounds? Marci stated this is a safety issue, not something that happens because the taxpayers want it, but because it is necessary for safety. Marci stated that people are walking the roads and are met with fast moving vehicles and people that have livestock this poses a safety issue. Marci also stated that speeding happens in the winter as well. Thomasina stated that this service is not allocated in the budget. Diane would like to look at the budget. Susanne stated that there is money in both road and town accounts. Susanne also mentioned using ARPA, Thomasina stated that there are conditions for spending that money. Diane inquired about taking some money out of the road account to make a line item. Thomasina rather not take money from the road account, Thomasina would like to see this in a designated line item and she does not want to pull the money from the roads. Diane inquired if there is flexibility in the Town Account. Susanne stated yes, there is flexibility, however there are school bills that are coming. Thomasina stated again that this would be coming from a line item that should be for something else, she does not feel this is good. Tammy Walsh stated that funds are given to Addison County and that the department should be patrolling because we are part of Addison County. Thomasina would like a report of when the Sheriff Department comes up to Goshen. Thomasina would like Marci to look into this and find out how many times Addison County Sheriff has patrolled in Goshen since January 1, 2022 till present. Marci stated that when she spoke with the Sheriff he explained to her that the department does not receive money to do patrolling unless it is from a town contract. Tammy thought they received county money. Marci stated that she was told by them they need to have a contract with the Town to patrol. Diane would like to add this in for a budget item for next year. Thomasina inquired if this would go under Town or Road budget. Diane would like to add this under the Town Budget. Thomasina would like Marci to get information. Dave Sabatini stated that with the flexibility of hours if they can come at set times, perhaps during rush hour, school hours, etc. Marci stated that they would come up either before or after patrolling in Ripton and should be at random with unknown times to the Town. Thomasina would like Marci to find hourly rate and the flexibility of the Town choosing the time.

**OLD
BUSINESS**

51 minutes

Raymond
Property
worksite

Diane spoke with Tammy regarding Andrea Raymond's property worksite. Diane was concerned with if there was a timeline on the worksite staging in Town Right of Way. Diane reported that Tammy said it is not going to be done this year. Diane inquired if before winter some of the rocks could be moved

back for winter plowing. Tammy was agreeable to this, she will keep material behind telephone poles.

Sabatini
Access
Permit

Diane stated that Jim has some issues with the access permit. Jim said that the issues with Dave's access are the same as the other (McGee) site, being that it is not level enough to where the access meets the road, again it is 25' of level driveway. Jim stated that fill was brought in and this built up the landing site. Jim recommends that the board go down and look at this as they are the ones that are making the decision. Jim said that there are many driveways around Town that are pre-existing and cause water runoff in the road, Jim said that something can be done with this access. Jim said that this access could be in a different location and/or the fill that was put there can be removed. Jim said a small rise would be alright, but driveways need to be built for the 25-50 year storm. Jim said if something like Irene happens, water would come down the driveway and go right across the public road, with the way Dave has it built now. Jim stated that Dave brought in and built this before an application was received for access. Thomasina stated that she drove by and whatever the land owner does on their property is their business and that he did not do a curb cut. Diane inquired with Dave Sabatini what his plans are. Dave Sabatini stated that he met with Jim, who said that he would approve the access so long as Dave made the changes that were necessary. Dave stated that this is an existing agricultural logging road, used for 100 years. Dave has been maintaining the landing as he uses it for dumping soil, etc. He has been putting gravel on it as it was muddy. Dave decided he would like to build a road up to his other field, more than just a logging road, this is why he is applying for an access permit. Dave Sabatini stated that the fill he brought in previously can be honed off. He can make those changes necessary to make the road wider, flatter, and he will install the culvert, crown and ditch so that no water will go into the main road. Dave Sabatini stated that if he gets the access permit he intends on putting a road in. Diane inquired if this is a driveway to the house or driveway to more access to the property. Dave said it would be for both, as currently he has no driveway access, he lives off the road. Tammy inquired where the culvert is being put in. Dave stated in the ditch, Tammy inquired if he is putting it in. Diane calls for order. Dave Sabatini stated it will be for access to his home as well as for the abutting property he has purchased. There is a right-of-way, which is limited and he wants another access in case he wants to do something with his property, he is looking to have access from his house to his back property. Dave Sabatini said he has been using this access for 25 years. Tammy inquired if there is a pre-existing access, Dave said yes. Tammy inquired if there is a pre-existing culvert, Dave said no. Dave Sabatini would like to add that there is a culvert adjacent that is at least 75 years old that is

undersized and half full, it is working but failing. Dave said that it is adjacent to where he intends on putting an access in. Diane inquired if this will be the only access on the property. Dave Sabatini stated this would be the only access to the above privately owned property, yes. Diane inquired if this would also be the only access to his house, Dave said yes. Diane mentioned the Town Bylaws. Thomasina stated that there has been a lot of precedent set in the Town already, she will not name properties, but there has been precedent set with other accesses. Diane stated that this is why the Board needs to be cautious. Diane read the Town bylaws which state no residential lot shall be served by more than one access. Diane stated that she will need to go and look at the site. Thomasina has looked at this property and is fine with the permit. Dave Sabatini stated that he owns property on both sides of the road that are really steep. Dave stated a man from FEMA stated that the other side of the road is not well retained, if there was a failure, this proposed access would be a way for people to be able to get in and out should there be a washout of the road, this would be a great advantage. Thomasina stated that multiple accesses have been given to others, the Town can not give to one and not another. Dave Sabatini stated that he does not need this road to go in, but if it was established it would be a way to get around if the main road fails. This access if approved could be used in the future for the Town in an emergency. Tammy inquired if there were issues during Irene with Fay Rd, Dave stated no. Diane inquired with Jim if more work needs to be done on Dave's driveway. Jim stated that the culvert is undersized, however it has always withstood the rain and storms, the road has never washed there, but there also has not been an access. Having an access will change this. Jim said it is a porous area, Jim would like Dave to take 5-6" down off where he installed the road, put in a culvert and have adequate ditching done. Dave said he appreciates the input and that is why he applied for a permit and that anything he needs to do, he will do. Jim said for Dave to do the work then he will revisit it after he does the changes and gets the access in and see if it is ok. Dave Sabatini inquired about having a 16" culvert underneath the driveway, Jim said yes and even a 14" would work. Diane and Thomasina signed the approved driveway access permit. Tammy inquired about Andrea Raymonds driveway, which is pre-existing. Diane stated that this could be done under Citizens Concerns.

Waste
Collection

Thomasina gave an update, there was a period of time to get estimates and that she has taken over this work and has contacted Addison County Solid Waste Representatives from the Town, as well as Addison County Solid Waste Management District and has been getting together with them to gather information to present to the board. In the meantime a letter was obtained from Dave Sabatini this evening. Tammy inquired if the time was 9am for the garbage drop off. Thomasina stated that she understood it to be 8am and

that is how it is posted everywhere. Marci stated that she put out by word of mouth with people at drop off that she would like the time changed to 9am. Thomasina stated that it had been posted as 8am and that she did not know of the change made. Thomasina stated that she received irate phone calls of people waiting at the garbage drop off site and she had no knowledge of the change. Marci stated that last Wednesday she spoke with people about a time change and the Wednesday before that she spoke with people as well, she also informed Jeff Cathcart of the need for a change of time several weeks ago as she can not be there at 8am during the school year because she drops off her daughter at school. Tammy stated that she pays her employees to go to the drop off and they have to wait for it to open. Thomasina stated that this needs to be publicly noticed. Thomasina stated that in the future when decisions are made like that the board needs to be informed, word of mouth is not effective. Diane wants to clarify what time the drop off is. Marci stated 9-1. Thomasina inquired why it was decided to be 8-1. Marci stated at an earlier meeting Thomasina suggested a wider time for drop off, Marci originally asked for 9-1. Tammy stated that for people that work this is difficult. Marci stated that arrangements can be made and have been made with people that work early, such as being allowed to drop off when requested as well as people volunteering to help neighbors. Tammy inquired if the loader can be left out for people to put waste in the bucket. Marci stated no, this can not be done as it needs to be supervised. Diane inquires if Jim can be there at 8am, Jim said no. Diane stated that quotes were discussed at being obtained for people to come in to do the work. Diane also stated that something needs to be in place between June 30th and in the next few weeks. Diane said that in the winter the town truck is not able to be used. Thomasina inquired what happened with the garbage this past week? Diane stated she came down a little after 9 and there were people and waste but no Jimmy or Marci. Diane stated she did not know about the time change. Tammy inquired if Marci changing the time is legal. Diane calls for order. Diane stated that she felt something was not right so she called Jim, she found out that Jim's truck broke down, he wasn't able to take the recycling trailer down, he tried to get a hold of Jeff Cathcart who was unavailable and so he then tried to get a hold of Dave Sabatini to help with bringing the recycling up and possibly the garbage. Diane stated to Jim that this is an emergency and that Jim needs to do what he needs to do. Diane stated that Jimmy and Marci are in charge of the garbage at this point. Thomasina stated that the Board is in charge. Diane stated that Jim and Marci are taking care of the garbage for the Town and when there is an emergency they have this right. The board is a Co-Chair so that when one is not available they go to the other. Thomasina stated this is not how it was set up, that the Board has a Chair. Diane stated that the board is a Co-Chair position, one is set aside as a Chair for paperwork signatures. Thomasina clarified that Marci and Jim are

not in charge of hiring people, that the Board is in charge. Diane stated if Jim and Marci are maintaining the garbage, her understanding, they are under an emergency and they can not get a hold of anyone then they have the right to make a decision on who to hire. Thomasina disagrees with this. Diane said that the Town has used Dave and he has agreed to do this in the past. Thomasina stated that this is very grey, unacceptable, and needs to be transparent. The Board is the Selectboard, Jim and Marci are not in charge of garbage, the Board is. Diane called for order from those present. Diane would like to decide what will be done between now and June 30th. Diane would like to have something set up, whether collection or drop off. Diane stated that Dave Sabatini has offered but she thinks that this should be put out for others in Town to see if there is anyone else that is interested to provide a service between November and June 30th. Diane stated that we do not have the money now to hire someone from the outside to come and take care of the garbage as the money is included in the taxes, this needs to be followed, one bag free and payment for additional bags. Diane stated a new contractor coming in will cost the Town more money. Thomasina read the letter from Dave Sabatini, dated 10-10-2022. Letter addressed to the selectboard of the Town of Goshen. Dave Sabatini proposes the rendering of his services for curbside pick up of trash, recycling, and compost, as a temporary stop gap measure to fulfill the Town's commitment to trash collection until June 30th, 2023. He would like approval to use the Town's recycling trailer as part of the service and is also requesting to reserve the right to bill the Town for extenuating circumstances that require additional hours of which he will present to the board for approval of payment. The proposed cost is \$420 a week, not including tipping fees for Addison County Solid Waste Management District, signed respectfully and submitted by Dave Sabatini. Thomasina stated it is approximately under \$100 a week for tipping fees. Thomasina stated, as the Selectboard, the board is in charge of the garbage and is responsible to the taxpayers in Town that this is taken care of. Thomasina stated that Jim and Marci are Town employees, she has nothing against Jim and Marci, she is simply clarifying facts. Diane agreed, there are grey areas that need to be looked into. Thomasina stated that if there is an emergency situation for paying money then it is up to the Chair to make that, employees can not hire people. Diane inquired if there was anyone else in Town that was interested. Diane inquired from Dave if this price is reasonable. Dave Sabatini stated that he has always been reasonable with the Town. Fran inquired if this is equitable to what we pay now, Timmi stated for curbside it is \$510 a week. Diane calls for order from those present. Diane stated that Dave is offering to pick up door to door garbage, recycling, and composting, until June 30th. With the caveat that he uses the Town recycling trailer and he can add costs. Fran would like to have Dave Sabatini be paid the same rate as the current Town employees. Diane inquired that in

case of emergency, what is Dave to do if his truck breaks down. Thomasina inquired if he owns two trucks. Dave stated he has a back up truck, he has a tractor as well. Thomasina inquired if curbside would be Wednesdays. Diane stated that this would relieve Marci and Jim. Thomasina added that this helps the community in the winter months. Diane stated that perhaps mid November can be a start date for Dave. Thomasina would like it to start next week. Diane calls for order from those present. Diane inquired if there will be an extra charge for Green Up Day, Dave said he has always volunteered this. Marci stated if they decided to go with this more trash tags will need to be printed in the office, for people to pay for the extra bag as they have discontinued this. Marci stated that there were many problems with curbside, before any equipment broke down, which will still be an issue. Thomasina again said this is a stop gap measure. Diane said that Dave would have to go by the same guidelines for what to pick up from people. Diane inquired if there is a necessary trash license for hauling. Jim said yes, Dave would need to be a licensed hauler. There needs to be a certificate of insurance to be given to the district. Dave stated that he has this license with the Town. Thomasina will email Terry from Addison County Solid Waste to make sure we are covered. Jim Hayes stated that the haulers license needs to be obtained with Dave before he brings anything to the transfer station. Diane would like to find out more information and would like to proceed by November 1st. Thomasina would like to proceed with Dave and get a date set for when curbside will resume. Diane stated that if there is a problem with the equipment in the next three garbage pick-up, to contact the Board, and the Board will give Jim and Marci permission to contact Jeff Cathcart or Dave Sabatini. Thomasina would like to not wait the three weeks to have Dave Sabatini start, she would like to have him begin as soon as possible. Diane would like to get everything figured out and post the change. Thomasina stated that people will not mind having garbage picked up. Thomasina makes a motion to accept Dave Sabatini's proposal, with the condition that he is allowed to use the Town's recycling trailer as well as reserves the right to bill the Town for extenuating circumstances as well, and that the Town pays him \$500 a week, to resume on November 2nd. Diane 2nd. Dave Sabatini stated that he hopes this helps the Town. Thomasina will post this on the website, Thomasina would like to have the board read curbside to resume. Dave inquired if it was 8am that curbside began. Diane said yes, this is what it has been. Marci stated that people will know the route, some put trash out just before the truck usually gets there, if the route changes some garbage will be put out after the truck goes by. Diane would like to set the time, 8am. Thomasina inquired if she could publish Dave's home phone number. Dave stated yes.

**MOTION FOR
WASTE
COLLECTION**

Cemetery

Diane inquired about this change. Marci stated that the Cemetery

Commission Commission should be replaced by a temporary Committee until this can be voted on legally, as the Commission must be elected, not appointed. The committee would work with and advise the selectboard, as the selectboard reserves the responsibilities and duties of the cemeteries until an official Cemetery Commission is voted on and members are elected. Diane stated that the Commission will be changed to a committee, until it will be voted on, on the ballot. Fran inquired if in the meantime quotes are being obtained for garbage pickup. Diane said yes, that we are getting quotes for the best fit for Goshen, at this time we can not do the big dumpsters for many reasons. Thomasina said with dumpsters there is a landfill permit needed, and visually it would not be appealing. Diane said this is expensive. Tammy inquired if the Town was to buy dumpsters. Diane stated that a landfill permit would still be needed. Diane said that Goshen is the only Town in the State of Vermont that is doing curbside collection. Thomasina stated that part of the problem is that because Goshen is small, haulers are not interested in coming. That they are going to be limited with the time that they would be able to offer the Town and that the cost per bag is quite expensive. This would mean that we would pay more for the bags, service, and labor of their men doing it.

Policy and Ordinances Tabled until next meeting.

Town Building Access Policy final review and signature Thomasina stated that she understands what Diane is concerned with regarding IT, but feels it is not an issue. If there is something broken, someone could be hired to fix it. Diane stated this is not worded in the policy, it is worded that the Board is to do the work, she would not be able to fix issues with technology. Thomasina stated that she can fix issues. Diane stated that the selectboard may not want to take on the full responsibility, Thomasina stated that the Selectboard did it before. Diane stated that there was someone on the board that was able to do the work. Thomasina stated that she can do it. Diane stated that she still has issues with this but agreed. Marci will have a clean copy of the Municipal Access Policy printed tomorrow for their signatures. Diane and Thomasina both stated that they will go down and sign the copy tomorrow.

ROADS 15 minutes

Report of Road Foreman Diane has heard nothing back from the Forest Service regarding the Town Hill Rd grant. Diane stated that cold patch will need to happen on Town Hill Rd. Jim said that there are three sections that could be cut out, these are the worst. Marci stated that a quote was going to be obtained from Wilks and Pikes, pending the results of the grant. Jim said a patch should happen at the bridge as well. Jim said a load of salt was obtained today. Diane said a bill was

received. Jim said Dido will haul gravel at the end of the week. Dido's is good at delivering, once begun the shed can be filled within three days. Diane inquired with Marci if she needs to sign the Cargill paper, Marci recommended looking to see if there is a place for signatures. Thomasina inquired if the Town would get a bill for the salt, Marci said yes. Thomasina stated that the paper is just a quote, the bill will come through. Paper from Cargill was not signed.

Jim stated that Thunder Towing will start fixing the green truck in the garage. Thomasina inquired when the plows are put on. Jim stated that it usually happens in November. Thomasina inquired if two trucks are needed. Jim said there is always one truck down, Jim said sometimes trucks wont start in the morning, two trucks are needed, perhaps only one person will drive, but two trucks are needed. If you have only one truck and that one is down, no one moves. The State of Vermont will not help plow in emergencies as they used to. Thomasina inquired if two people go out at the same time. Marci said that they both often go out, it's better to have both. Marci stated that sometimes for sanding one truck can do that, storms are both, plowing is usually both, but not always. Jim said for ice-storms both trucks can go non stop, bad ice storms the sand and salt shed can empty in a few days. Jim reported that it is hard getting CDL drivers. Jim reported Hummiston was interested in getting his CDL, but the cost of school is \$5,000.00. He is in Town, knows how to drive the equipment, and would pass the drug test, but does not like the expense of the mandatory school. Mike Kelly was interested and has a CDL but works full time in Burlington so he does not have the time. Marci said finding people that have the time and that can pass the required drug testing is a challenge. Thomasina stated that Francis Clark may be a good resource, he worked at Casella and Markowski. Thomasina inquired who is doing the work for Town Hill Rd. Marci stated that Jeff typically will set up an appointment with Pike or Wilks, or the State and go onsite to discuss the area with them. Then the Town obtains a price. Jim will give them a call. Thomasina inquired about the divet where Wilks paved over the culvert repair on Capen Hill Rd. Thomasina inquired if Wilks does more paving in Town perhaps they can fix this. Diane stated that the ditching looks good on Carlisle Hill Rd. Jim said more ditching will be done and 8 loads of gravel will be put on. Jim will need to grade north Goshen after the rain and that will be the last grading of the year. Thomasina inquired if Jim will be putting in the culverts. Jim said a couple culverts will be done in November. Thomasina inquired about the section around the Town Garage having culverts installed. Diane said that these were going to be installed in the spring. Tammy inquired about where the ditching material was going. Jim said that the ditching is going to where people have requested. Jim stated, Hummiston, Todd, Fielder, Hochmann, and anyone else that wants some. Tammy said that

she would like some. Thomasina mentioned that Susanne (who has since left the meeting), inquired about the grant for Flora White Rd and that if the Hathaway work is included in the grant. Marci stated it is just Flora White, for the connected water way, Hathaway is not included with this grant. Thomasina stated that she took pictures today, she inquired if there are any before pictures. Marci said she might have some, but none were taken that she was aware of before the work was done. Thomasina will help Susanne with the grant paperwork, there is a lot of information that is needed. Thomasina will be gone all next week for work but she will help Susanne afterwards.

CITIZENS CONCERNS 19 minutes

Fran asks about the price of salt and sand, if it has increased or not. Jim said yes, this has gone up. Diane stated that the price for this year is \$85.50 per 100 ton, Jim said last year it was \$77. Madine inquired if people want to have input at the budget meeting, will the board take input at the beginning or end of the meeting, or do they want suggestions in writing. Diane encourages people to come to the budget meeting and that usually the meeting is opened, minutes are done, new business, the rest of the meeting is for the budget. Diane suggests coming to the meeting and if not then sending suggestions in writing. Madine inquired if something isn't changed during the budget meetings can this then be added for a vote in March with a petition, Diane said yes. Andrea inquired what the speed limit is. Diane said it is 35mph all through town. Marci stated that she would like to have the limit through the downtown area set at 25mph. Andrea would like to request a blind driveway sign for her driveway. Diane inquired about changing the speed limit sign. Thomasina inquired about who to contact for this. Marci stated district 3. Thomasina will email Brain Sanderson regarding this. Andrea stated that Jim expressed the need for a culvert under her driveway. Jim stated that people put their own culverts in and the Town does not furnish the culvert. Jim said that he is ditching down through there now, when he gets to the wall he will stop. Tammy said that the culvert is in the Town Right of Way. Jim said a culvert is needed, he found a culvert today that is about 140' north of where the stone work ends, but from that culvert to Andrea's driveway is distance for enough water to build, run, and be pushed into the Town road. Jim said that there will be water coming down there. Jim said that a culvert could be put across the road at the driveway site, but this means digging up Tammy's wall, or putting a culvert in under the driveway. Andrea stated that there is already a culvert in the driveway, but it has failed. Jim said if the homeowner furnishes the culvert he can install the culvert.

Tammy inquired if Shawn Martin paid for his culvert. Jim said that Shawn got the culvert, Steady put it in. Diane said this is not relevant. Dave Sabatini thought that the Town does not have to install the culvert but they have to replace the culvert. Jim stated that he does not recall how the State has that set up. Jim thought that if a culvert fails the Town would work on it. Diane understands that the culvert in Andreas driveway is not working. Jim said that there could be a spillway before the stone work to catch and slow down the water, and put a culvert before the driveway site going across Town road to the other side, or have a culvert go across their driveway. Jim said that this is up to the Selectboard, if they want him to install a culvert in their driveway he can do it if they furnish the culvert. The Town would want an 18" culvert. Diane inquired if this sounds good with Andrea, she stated yes. Thomasina makes a motion to have the homeowner supply the culvert and the Town will pay for the labor of installation according to Jim's specifications, Diane 2nd.

**MOTION FOR
DRIVEWAY
CULVERT
INSTALLATION**

Road Crew will install the culvert. Dave Sabatini inquired if the Town hired Hayes Construction. Thomasina stated no, the Town is doing the work with the road crew. Diane stated that Jim is doing the ditching now in that area. Dave Sabatini inquired about the brush work and would like the trees marked for the ones Jim would like him to remove. Jim inquired if spraying would suffice, Dave said yes. Tammy inquired if Dave takes brush away. Dave said yes, if it is desired to be taken away, sometimes he leaves it for the landowner. Tammy stated that a path was blocked and Fran fell down on brush that was left. This was along the bridge. Tammy stated this was cut brush by the bridge. Dave stated he did not leave brush when he did the work. Diane would like to make sure that any trees cut need to be disposed of and out of the way so it does not cause any hazards.

**Motion to
Adjourn**

Made by Diane, Thomasina objected as there is still an executive session to go into. Diane stated this would be after the meeting. Thomasina motions to adjourn at 9:24pm, Diane 2nd.

*note the meeting has already adjourned the following executive session occurred outside of the meeting. It was entered at 9:24pm and ended at 9:41 pm, no action was taken.

*Respectfully submitted by Marci Hayes
Selectboard Clerk.*