



Selectboard Special Meeting

February 24, 2023

Unapproved Minutes

Members Present: Thomasina Magoon, Tammy Walsh, and Bill Mathis.

Others Present: Dave Sabatini, Diane O’Classen, Bob West, Kathy Mathis, Al Gionet, Jim Hayes and Marci Hayes.

Meeting Called to Order at 6:13pm

Changes to the Agenda.....2 minutes

Thomasina added roof bid openings under New Business. Bill would like to move public comment after bids and at the end of the meeting so people may comment on bids. Diane requested to comment during minutes as they are moving public comment to the end of the meeting.

Previous Meeting Minutes.....16 minutes

Thomasina would like to amend minutes to reflect the Delinquent Tax Collectors ability to call lawyers. Marci stated this should be added to the agenda as it is not a change/correction to the minutes as it was not discussed at the previous meeting. Tax Collector added under new business.

Diane would like to make a correction to the minutes. Minutes stated that Diane O’Classen was irate, she clarified she was not irate but mad and upset. Diane explained that people knew about the holiday pork roast dinner. The date was in place and arrangements were made with the Town Clerk for the Town Hall before the change of the Town Hall Rental Policy which occurred 1-9-2023. Diane would like to clarify that she was upset because the pork roast has been going on for many years. Bill Mathis thought that the Town Hall Rental Policy changed in April. Diane stated she was on the board in April and this policy was not changed then. The Town Clerk has always been in charge of the rental of Town Hall. Diane explained that Marci was requested to post a notice of this on the website. The notice on the website was taken down shortly after it was posted, Diane then phoned Bill Mathis. Thomasina acknowledged that she took the notice of the pork dinner off the website. Thomasina stated that the night before the Selectboard changed the policy and the Selectboard would be in charge instead of the Town Clerk. The Selectboard was not told about the dinner or the rescheduling of such a dinner. Bill stated the people that put on the dinner canceled it, not the board. Diane stated community events should not need to go through the rental process, as they never have needed to for decades. Thomasina stated again, the board did not know. This was a miscommunication. Bill encourages community dinners. Bill requests minutes from April. Thomasina stated that the policy was not changed in April but was changed recently. Marci explained that the community

pork roast, Christmas Eve service, and town potluck have always been exempt from having a Town Hall rental agreement form as they have been long standing traditions. The day after the meeting Marci was requested to put the date of the pork roast on the website for the coming Saturday, she did so, which was promptly taken down by a board member without conversation. Marci mentioned there was no communication from the board to the Town Clerk seeking information regarding this, which would have been appropriate. It is important for there to be communication.

Dave Sabatini stated the meeting minutes from the previous meeting (1-23-2023) should be corrected, as it was stated by Tammy in reference to Keith Tremblay's curb access permit to Marci as "July", not "you lie". **Thomasina makes the motion to have the meeting minutes of 1-23-2023 reflect this correction of an audible misunderstanding. Tammy 2nd.**

Minutes approved of 2-13-23 with no changes, motioned by Thomasina, Tammy 2nd. Bill added that a motion is not needed to amend minutes.

Roads.....9 minutes

Posting Roads- Jim reported that the roads have been posted.

Building Access Town Garage- Tammy stated the key she received does not work for the Town Garage. This was the key that Jeff Cathcart had given to Jim, which she then received. Tammy will have all the lock sets on Town Garage changed and one key will operate all locks. She will have this done when she gets back from vacation. Jim said that originally the locks were all the same but as doors are broken into the locks get damaged, only the damaged lock is replaced thus a new key needed.

Jim hit the door in the sand and salt shed with the loader while maneuvering sand and salt around. He had to do tight maneuvering as he filled the shed with the salt and sand (7 loads delivered), Dido brought an eighth load which made things tight. Tammy will get estimates on the door. Dave Sabatini and Tammy both may have a door available. Tammy inquired if it should be wood instead of metal so that it won't rust. Tammy will look into what door would be best and costs. Jim recommends a steel door with no glass. If steel is painted it should be protected by salt.

Thomasina inquires about where the posted signs are, she would like to take a picture for the website. Thomasina inquired about if there is a key to the Town Hall, Marci is unsure as she always uses a code, she will find out and will let Tammy know.

Time Sheets - Tammy stated no time sheets were in from the road crew on Monday. Marci stated she dropped off her and Jim's timesheets Monday around 11am. She put them in the Selectboard box. Susanne may have grabbed them. Board will check with Susanne. Marci also stated that sometimes papers will slide down and aren't seen in the box unless it is looked into.

New Business.....51 minutes

Bid Opening Green Truck- None were received

Bid Opening Garbage- Bid from Dave Sabatini as follows; for curbside trash, recycling, food waste disposal including all tipping fees is \$540 per week. All necessary insurance paperwork is filed with the Town already. All State permits are on file in Montpelier. Total at \$540 x 52 weeks equals annual cost of \$28,080.00

Wymans Timber harvesting provided a bid for the following three options;

Option 1, Wymans can only offer one option for drop off at Town Garage. Wymans will provide a trash and recycling container and barrel for food waste. Town would provide personnel to oversee the drop off site. Cost per week is \$200 for a trash container, plus cost of disposal and \$200 for recycling container plus the cost of disposal, \$25 for compost barrel. Optional pickup every other week.

Option 2, Wymans can provide for Goshen residents to bring trash, recycling, and food waste to Wymans Timber Transfer Station on Corona Street in Brandon. Each resident will provide a permit slip to transfer station. Wymans Timber will provide monthly bills and expect payment after the first Selectboard meeting of the month. Cost is .30 per pound for garbage, \$1.00 for recycling clear trash bags and small containers, \$15 per pound of compost, scrap metal free, leaf, brush, and yard debris is free

Option 3, Town of Goshen would vote to change from Addison County Solid Waste to Rutland County Solid Waste, this would lower the price per trash to .22 cents per pound of trash the rest of the prices quoted in option 2 remain the same.

JR and Sons Towing and Junk Removal provided a bid for the following; for curbside waste, recycling, and compost. Truck & driver, \$500 per week X 4.5 weeks = \$2,250 a month. All disposal fees for rubbish/recycling/compost are \$475. Total per month becomes \$2,725.00 Price is based on weekly pickup for rubbish, waste, and compost with one bag per week at 25 lbs or less. Two small bags not weighing more than 25 lbs combined will be considered one large bag. More than one bag per week, additional tags will be available for purchase from the hauler at \$7.50 per bag, these will be stickers with company name and phone number. Junk removal will also be included by appointment only.

An envelope marked trailer bid was on the table. Thomasina thought this to be from the sale of the trailer. Marci stated that it was from Gerard Lowell with his interest in purchasing the trailer, this was from the meeting in November, this is old and not pertaining to this bid, she is unsure how it was brought before the board at this meeting. Tammy stated she found it in a drawer in the Town Office and brought it over. Bill read the bid for \$1,450.00 for the trailer dated November 1, 2022. Bill inquired why this is being received now. Marci stated that this was both emailed and given to the Board in November, Thomasina confirmed this was received (refer to minutes

of [11-1-2022](#)). It was then taken out of the Selectboard folder for filing. Bill inquired what the trailer was sold for, it was sold for \$600 to Dave Sabatini. Bill is concerned with this and stated procedurally these should be received in a timely manner. Bill inquired if the date is accurate for the bid on the trailer.

Tammy briefly left the meeting to go to the Town Office and make sure no other bids were left in the box or drawer for the selectboard for either sale of garbage truck or garbage contract bid. Tammy confirmed that no other bids were found in the Town Office.

Thomasina stated that with Wymans roll off for drop off there would need to be a landfill permit, she does not think this is anything that would look aesthetically appealing and monitoring animals and people around garbage misuse may be an issue. Paying town employees is something that the board is trying to move away from. Goshen is Addison County, there would be a monthly fine to bring garbage to Rutland County. This is approximately \$30 ton. Dave Sabatini added that no bottom line price is given as figures are needed for Town employee managing drop off and unknown cost for disposal.

Total for JR & Sons curbside is is \$32,700

Total for Dave Sabatini curbside is \$28,080

Bill inquires what the timeline is on making a decision on this. RFP's were for 30lbs a bag, Dave Sabatini stated that the others quoted for 25lbs, he could change his price as his are figured based on the 30lbs. Bids accepted are final. Thomasina would like to reach out with JR & Sons to inquire with 4.5 weeks. Bill agrees to clarify this with the bidder. Thomasina inquires with a fine associated if Goshen makes an agreement to bring trash to Rutland County instead of Addison County. Wymans is the only one that offered drop off option, the other two were curbside only. Municipalities pay for recycling, they are not exempt. Thomasina figured the cost less the \$6500 in the budget, would be an increase of \$19,420.00 for Dave Sabatini's bid and JR & Sons would be an increase of \$26,200.00

Thomasina inquired about contacting JR to see if they would be able to provide a figure to do drop off. Dave Sabatini inquired about being able to provide a drop off bid. Bill discourages asking for another bid, clarification would be fine but not an offer to bid another way. Marci stated in the past if a bid was not received or if none were received the Board would re-bid out the job. This could happen after the Town Meeting or the Board could research and have information for Town meeting for those wanting options/prices for a drop off scenario. Kathy Mathis inquired what the original RFP asked for. Thomasina stated that there were two separate RFP's, one for drop off and one for curbside. Discussion on having the drop off managed by Town employees, the Board is not looking at having this as an option.

Dave Sabatini is willing to negotiate as he already has an agreement with the Town for drop off. Thomasina would like to have this be a proper and legal method. JR and Sabatini are comparable. Board felt that Wymans is not a viable bid for drop off as it does not offer enough pricing information and is dependent on Town employees. If the Town people choose to drop off then the board could bid out as they will have until June 30th of this year.

Dave Sabatini left the meeting.

Board agreed that Dave Sabatini’s bid is the ideal one as his is the lowest bid. Wymans bid is considered unresponsive. **Tammy motions to award contract to Dave Sabatini curbside trash, recycling, and compost service pending Town Meeting approval by vote of citizens, Thomasina 2nd.**

No green truck (garbage truck) or roof repair bid was received. Thomasina would like to rebid these in April. Bill inquired about where the bids were advertised. Green truck was on line, roof bid was in ad in the paper, both were on the website.

New Business, Thomasina motion that the board allow Delinquent Tax Collector to be able to call the Town Attorney if he/she should need it. Bill 2nd.

Old Business.....none

Public Comment.....none

Executive Session

Motion to Adjourn made at 7:31pm

Bill, 2nd by Thomasina

Respectfully Submitted by Marci Hayes