



**Selectboard Meeting
March 13, 2023
Unapproved Minutes**

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

Others Present: Kathy Mathis, Vickee Whiting, Jeremy New, Will Mathis, Timmi Moffi, Dave Sabatini, Madine Reed, Jim Hayes, Marie Hayes, Marci Hayes, Jeff Cathcart, and Joanne Cathcart

Call Meeting to Order.....7:11pm
Meeting Called to order by Bill Mathis

Changes to the Agenda.....1 minute
Thomasina would like to add Vickee Whiting after the board organization and under New Business a request for a letter for the Ruth Stone Foundation.

Organization of the Board.....3 minutes
Thomasina nominates Bill Mathis as Selectboard Chair, Tammy 2nd. Thomasina motions for the Brandon Pittsford Reporter to be the official designated paper for Goshen, Tammy 2nd. Thomasina motions to set Regular Selectboard Meeting on 2nd and 4th Monday at 6:30pm.
*note this is a time change from the usual 7pm.

Vickee to address the board.....17 minutes
Vickee stated she has been trying to renew the registration for the US Federal Government system of award management, which is called SAM.gov. The renewal is done annually in order for the Town of Goshen to receive federal money, specifically for the National Forest PILT (Payment In Lieu of Taxes). Goshen usually receives around \$20,000.00. This has been budgeted for 23-24. There is a second authentication code needed. SAM.gov last year ceased using the DUNS number and switched to using the Unique Entity ID. They are requiring documentation of the Town’s legal address and business for this new number. Vickee has provided bank statements, W-2, utility bills, 1096, and is to provide meeting minutes to show incorporation date. When speaking with Angela Valentinetti (Secretary of State's Office), she provided a copy of the Goshen Charter to Vickee. Vickee would like the following information recording in these meeting minutes;

“Angela Valentinetti, Esq., Administrative Services Director, Vermont State Archives and Records Administration has provided the Town of Goshen, VT documentation that the



Town of Goshen, VT was incorporated on February 2, 1792. The Select Board has been given a copy of this incorporation and a copy will be given to the Goshen Town Clerk to be placed in the Town Office vault for safe keeping. Therefore, let it be known that after reviewing the documents by the Select Board of the Town of Goshen, VT sent to the Town of Goshen, VT from the Vermont Secretary of State’s Office, that the Town of Goshen VT was incorporated on February 2, 1792”

The selectboard and Town Clerk will be given a copy of this. Vickee is requesting that the board approve said information. She would like to have a copy of tonight’s minutes by Wednesday afternoon March 15th. Vickee has 5 business days to send this to SAM.gov. Thomasina makes a motion to have the statement from Vickee and the exact quote reflected in minutes, Tammy 2nd. Vickee apologizes to Marci that this is a quick request for minutes. Vickee stated all towns that receive federal money are going through this process, due to the change from DUNS to a unique federal ID. There have been approximately 20 towns in Vermont that are going through this same process. Vickee stated that after this is done, the renewal date will be February of 2024. Vickee will change the email address from her email to the treasurers email. Bill inquired about why February 2, 1792 was the date that the Town was formed. Bill inquired that perhaps the Historical Society can find out.

Vickee added that it is very interesting to read the charter as there is a list of names and Fay is one of them. Vickee stated that in the 2nd charter (from 1798) there is reference to the territory. Vickee reported that Marci told her to contact the Secretary of State's Office. Vickee also spoke with two lawyers as well regarding this. Tammy inquired if the Town has a chance of losing the \$20,000.00 Vickee stated no. Thomasina thanked Vickee for doing the work in getting this resolved.

Bill would like the Historical Society to determine what the Town was on February 1, 1792, he thinks the town was either a New Hampshire or New York grant. Madine stated that it was both but New York claimed Goshen more because the location is on the western side of the mountain. Vickee added that there was also something about Philadelphia. Madine stated it was dissolved and some land was given to Goshen, Rochester, and Chittenden.

Previous Meeting Minutes.....1 minute

Thomasina motions to approve minutes of previous meeting as written, Bill 2nd.

Public Comment.....8 minutes

Opportunity for the public to briefly present issues, ideas, and concerns not on this agenda. Some issues may require additional agenda time scheduled for a later meeting date—at discretion of the board chair.



Will Mathis has some road related suggestions/comments, Will suggest the top of Carlisle Hill hole be fixed where the pavement goes to dirt and he would like some gravel put on the potholes north of Blueberry Hill Inn. Will also inquired what the zeros are in the town report, as there are many. Will inquired with Jeff Cathcart, as a previous selectman, if “Truck 2”, was purchased in 2020 for \$34,000.00? Jeff Cathcart confirmed this was the purchase. Will mentioned that the truck has an antifreeze issue and inquires what the truck is appraised at in its current condition. Will inquires what the status of the truck is, as it still smells of antifreeze and inquired with Marci on the mirror issue and if this will get fixed. Will also inquired regarding the budget of equipment rental in 2021-2022 actual \$37,188.00 Will inquired what equipment was rented, inquiring if it was for Jimmy’s backhoe. Thomasina stated that the equipment rental is when the Road Account pays the Town Account for equipment rental as the Town owns the equipment so when equipment is used the road “rents” it from the Town. There is an hourly fee for each piece of equipment that the road bills the Town account for. This is for both equipment rental for summer and winter. Will inquired regarding subcontracting for Jimmy’s backhoe, where that comes out of, Marci stated this comes out of purchased services. Bill stated line items must be carried for accounting purposes so sometimes they will reflect a zero, which holds the line item. Will inquired when the road gravel will be hauled and spread, potholes fixed, and stated roads are atrocious by Blueberry Hill Inn and it's been 4 months. Will addressed Dave Sabatini and wants to figure out what the contract is for mowing and cemeteries, he inquires where it is in the budget and inquires if the contract is annually, every two years, or every six years? Tammy stated it used to be every three years. Thomasina stated that last year when she got on the board they made an agreement that this year all of this would be rebid out. Will inquired if this would be the Cemetery Commission or the Selectboard? Thomasina stated that the Town will do the municipal lawn bid, and the Cemetery Commission (as newly voted and approved at Town Meeting ‘23) will be responsible for managing the cemetery bid. Will inquired what the \$772.48 in line item for Cemetery Investment is? Will inquires where the mowing is in the budget, Timmi answered that this is found under “Buildings and Grounds”. The actual cost for this is \$5,672.00. Will inquires when the contracts will go out. Thomasina stated this is on the agenda to be discussed later during this meeting. The Cemetery Committee will determine the lawn contract/bid process for the cemeteries after they are appointed and formed. Tammy inquired if this will then be two different contracts? Thomasina stated yes. Tammy inquired if that meant then that someone could bid for the town lawns but not the cemeteries, therefore there may be two different contractors doing the mowing? Thomasina stated yes, that is correct. Tammy has concerns with this being done as two separate contracts.

Financial Report Review YTD.....11 minutes
Update on actual line items increase/decrease from Town Meeting

Thomasina stated the town financial report is missing again, only the road financial report was



sent to the board. Thomasina would like to invite Susanne to the next meeting VIA email and to request that she send the town financials in the meantime for the board to review. Thomasina stated there are some things that are over budget. Bill inquired how much? Thomasina stated she knows auditors are close, she would like to spend time going through and asking questions. Thomasina would also like to have the update on the changes of the numbers from Town Meeting for what was approved and not approved, so that they can set the tax rate before June 30th. There are some concerns with numbers and would like the Treasurer present.

Marci inquired if the newly elected Selectmen (Bill Mathis and Tammy Walsh) have taken their Oath of Office? Tammy stated no. Thomasina stated they have already done it, they took the oath prior to, it was taken while they came on as appointed board members last year. Marci stated it needs to be done, every time they are appointed or elected for a new term they must take the oath of office. Madine clarified that for Bill and Tammy, as elections were on Tuesday, their appointed positions ended as of Tuesday at 7pm and their elected position begins after they take the oath. Tammy inquires what the deadline is for this, Thomasina stated immediately. Madine stated that the oath is to be taken before anything is done as selectboard member, including motions and decisions. All previous decisions at this meeting must be redone. Bill inquired if there is a copy of the oath. Marci stated that they have been in the Selectboard mailbox. Tammy went to get the oath from the Town Office. Bill inquired who administers the oath. Madine stated that Marci can, any Justice of the Peace can. Bill stated that members of the Board of Civil Authority can also. Marci stated it is JP's or Town Clerk. Madine stated only Marci can do the oath as she is the only JP present. Tammy brought the oath along with other Selectboard mail.

Marci administered the Oath of Office for Bill Mathis (1 year term) and Tammy Walsh (3 year term) for their elected position as Selectboard member. Members signed and Marci attested. Jeff Cathcart inquired if there were any selectboard duties performed since the vote and prior to taking the oath. Thomasina stated that in the minutes they will be going back and redoing everything done thus far tonight. Jeff Cathcart inquired if work for the Town was done at all? Thomasina stated that she did the agenda. Jeff inquired if locks have been changed at the Town Garage? Tammy stated no, she did it a while ago but doesn't remember when. Kathy Mathis stated that she did not do it as a selectman, Tammy confirmed and that it was done free gratis to the Town. Bill inquired with Marci how far back they need to redo decisions. Thomasina stated just tonight's meeting. Bill inquired if this could be done with one motion.

Thomasina makes a motion to affirm all motions made from the opening of the meeting at 7:11pm till now 7:46pm, Tammy 2nd. Bill stated motion passes as ratified.



Roads.....19 minutes

Tammy inquired about the status of the culverts/bridges projects for FY 23-24. Jim said it is hard to see the ends of the culverts due to the snow. He advises to wait until the snow is gone, the assessment should be done in the spring. He said there are six that should be done. Thomasina will meet with Mike Winslow this Friday, Jeff Whiting has been invited to go with her for background. When spring comes she would like to go out as a board to look at all the culverts. Jim stated that there are several on the list that have been done, Jim said the State still needs to have them approved. Bill inquired who Mike Winslow is? Thomasina stated that he works at Addison County Regional Planning Commission and is a liaison with towns and VTrans. Will inquired if the culverts are marked with a GIS system and if the Selectboard has access to that? Thomasina stated yes and that the Town Capitol Plan was done in 2020. This was with Vtrans, the Town, and Regional Planning to use GIS software. Jeff Cathcart and Jeff Whiting both worked on this and the plan is projected forward to 2027. The culverts that have been done need to be marked and updated as this allows the Town to receive credit and helps with funding. Jim said as soon as the snow clears enough to see the culvert inlet and outlet they can be assessed and if needed go out to bid or however the board wants to repair them.

Thomasina inquired about putting gravel down near Blueberry Hill Inn. Jim said he wants to see the roads clear, he can put gravel on frost, but this is not a good idea. If fresh gravel is placed on a road with frost and snow and plowing needs to be done usually all the gravel gets plowed into the ditch, the road needs to be stable before gravel is spread. This is why he hasn't put any down yet. If gravel is put there and plowing is done, with the plow down the gravel is hit and as a rule the plow will break. Jim said it can be fixed if the board wants. Tammy agreed it is not good to do now and it would waste money in gravel material. Jim said gravel is not spread during winter. Marci stated that it is not a bad idea to have temporary "bump" signs put up in these situations, especially for those that are not familiar with the roads, other towns do this. Jim said if the road crew repairs the road now it will not last, mud time is when it can be taken care of. Will stated that it is mud time. Jim and Marci stated that it is not yet mudtime. Thomasina inquired about an update with the green truck. Marci stated that the green truck is not leaking antifreeze, which is what she told Will when he stopped her, she put in antifreeze and when she did so she spilled some, this was a few minutes before she met Will on the road, this is why it smelled. Will stated he could smell it 10 feet from the truck and that is why he feels it has a considerable leak. Bill stated that Marci has the floor. Jim Hayes added that he changed the antifreeze in the truck a few days ago as well. Jim said that the person that did the work on the truck (Gerard Lowell) stated that the antifreeze should be changed within 100 hours after the work was done to flush out the oil. Jim said that the smell is from that. Both Marci and Jim spilled some under the hood. When it was checked there were no obvious leaks, it had been re-evaluated by Thunder Towing and was fine, but he recommended that the antifreeze be changed. Marci stated as for the mirror being broken, mirrors break every winter due to limbs that are hit as they are snow filled and



hang in the road, as long as the driver is able to see and use the mirrors they are changed after the winter, otherwise the Town would be buying many mirrors throughout the winter between hanging limbs and the wing. Jim stated that they are done in the summer.

Jim made a statement that he is officially resigning as Road Foreman tonight, the board can find someone to appoint. Jim stated that he will stay on with a two weeks notice, hopefully winter will be over, if not he will stay on until it is. Jim stated that after 50 years of working on the roads he has had enough. Jim stated he feels that at this time he is unable to work for the current three selectboard people. Jim feels that there are going to be changes and he stated he is old fashioned in his ways, the board is new. After 50 years of doing this job he has learned a few things, thus he feels that he and the board are going to go head-to-head and he does not want that. Therefore he is resigning tonight and will be done as road foreman and road crew. He gives the board two weeks, and if they are unable to find someone he will stay on until winter is over. Bill Mathis thanked Jim for his service and for his willingness to stay on if need be, he is shocked and thanks Jim. Thomasina stated that she is shocked as well. She stated that the entire time she has lived in Goshen Jim has been doing the roads and he is a legacy. Tammy agreed. Jeff Cathcart thanked Jim for his 50 years of service. Applause given to Jim Hayes. Thomasina thanked Jim again.

Municipal Roads General Permit Update- Thomasina reported that they have received by the State regarding payment due (every five year payment). This is a \$640 initial payment with notice of intent and application fee (due January), and a second payment for \$1300 is the annual fee (due April), this fee is dependent on the size of the Town. Municipalities are required to re-apply through the Agency of Natural Resources. This is for town wide road erosion inventory and assessment of hydrologically connected road segments. Starting in spring of 2023 DEC will require Towns to use the survey app and mapware for scoring of roads and they will require an upgrade of 7.5 % with noncompliant segments and at least 20% high priority segments upgrades annually.

Building Access – Locks on Town Garage Update- Tammy stated that two locks have been changed at the Town Garage. She has spoken with Jim and they agreed that the door should be a solid door (to the sand and salt shed), this will be replaced. Thomasina inquired if this is a mandoor, Tammy confirmed it is. The door can be closed up or replaced with a door.

Set Date for Town Garage Clean-Up (before Green-Up Day)-Thomasina announced that the board is thinking of having a day to clean up the town garage and coinciding this with a pancake breakfast. Thomasina would like this to be a community thing and was thinking that this could be done prior to and with Green Up Day to alleviate the expense. Marci stated that this shouldn't be done and is not recommended. Dave Sabatini stated that this would be better taken as regular



trash, clean out as Green Up is frowned on. Marci stated typically it is a lot of metal, which can go for free or even receive some money back to the Town.

Certificate of Highway Mileage- Thomasina stated that she has submitted the highway mileage to VTrans so this is completed. Marci inquired if this reflects the new mileage with the South Hill Rd. Thomasina stated no, not yet, it reflects no change. They are both in contact with Kerry and will continue to work on this.

Old Business.....11 minutes

Bid Award – Green Truck. Thomasina stated that Tammy brought over things that were in the mailbox while she retrieved the Oath. Thomasina announced that the board was not going to rebid the green truck as there was only one bid, wherever it was or is, they want to accept it. Thomasina stated the envelope has written on it; ATTN Goshen Board of Selectpersons Bid on Truck. Madine confirmed that is the bid. Kathy Mathis requested Madine to identify the handwriting on the envelope to see if it is her own. Madine stated she has already seen the envelope, as people have been made aware of at Town Meeting Monday night. Madine approached the board's table and retrieved the original envelope from her pocket (which was opened) stating that said envelope was found in the trash at the Town Office. She explained the differences between the two envelopes including a squiggle mark on the new one (which was not original to hers) as well as differences with the letter “A”. Thomasina stated she finds this wrong and what happened is very bothersome. Madine clarified that the bid is not from her but from Joe Bertrand. Thomasina opens the bid for the purchase of the Chevy truck that the Town owned for doing the garbage from Joe Bertrand for \$2,656.00 Thomasina makes a motion to accept the bid for purchasing the Chevy Silverado 2007 owned by the Town for \$2,656.00 to Joe Bertrand. Bill inquired if the bid in the new resealed envelope is the original bid from Madine, Tammy inquired if the paper is original. Madine confirmed that it was her original typed paper that Joe signed. Tammy inquired if the amount is what he intended it to be. Madine confirmed it was. Bill Mathis 2nd.

Thomasina mentioned that the title will need to be obtained to get the paperwork for the bill of sale done. Madine stated that she will bring the check to the Town Office tomorrow if they are open (pending severity of Nor’Easter storm the Office may be closed), if not then she will give it to Susanne when she is in the Office. Thomasina stated she is not familiar with this process but thinks that the title or bill of sale would have to be signed by someone from the board. Tammy will make up a bill of sale and will bring the paperwork to the Town Office. Dave Sabatini inquired if there is a five year registration on the truck, if so it can be signed over and he can be reimbursed. Tammy stated as long as it is in the glove box.



Kathy wants it on record that she has a real problem with this entire process with the truck and how it came about and the opening of private mail to the Selectboard by someone who was not authorized to open the letter and then to hide the fact that it was opened by putting it in another envelope, this is shady activity. Thomasina stated that what they should have is a locked Selectboard box that bids go in and Selectboard mail, Tammy agrees. Madine stated that the problem was that the bid was there on Tuesday (placed in the Selectboard box February 21st), why then was it not brought over to the meeting (February 24th)? Tammy stated it was not there when she checked the selectboard box. Madine stated it was the following Monday morning and Tuesday (February 27th and 28th) and has been every time she has been in the office since she brought it in on the 21st. Marci stated that previously bids were mailed to the Town Office, the Clerk would retrieve the mail and distribute mail to whomever it was made out to. Mail marked as a bid would be put into the vault and kept in a locked and secure place and not floating in public space, until the meeting where the board opened the bids, that would be the first time public and board members could handle the bids. Tammy stated that the bid for the garbage was opened by Susanne. Marci clarified that the envelope was not marked as a bid. Thomasina stated this in fact was the case, the envelope did not indicate that it was a bid, Thomasina called them to verify that the number is what they bid, his daughter did not write on it. Kathy inquired who opens the mail. Marci stated if it is marked for Treasurer it goes to the Treasurer, Kathy inquired about general mail to the Town. Marci stated that the Town Clerk opens the mail, unless it is obviously a bill or addressed to someone specific. Kathy inquired if when the mail is opened if there is a date stamp that is used for bids. Marci stated they will mark when it is received. Thomasina stated that this is difficult as many agencies in the state direct mail to "Town of Goshen", Thomasina stated that when multiple people are opening the mail this becomes difficult, one person should be opening the mail and it should be the Town Clerk. Marci stated that this is how it has been done. Marci stated that if the board would like she can make sure the bids are kept in the vault, as was previously done. Thomasina stated that they should not be left out. Tammy inquired with Madine if she was sure that Susanne did not open the envelope. Madine stated that Susanne didn't. Marci stated that Susanne is honest and will admit mistakes, she would have said something if she accidentally opened it up, as she admitted to opening a bid (not indicated as a bid) furthermore she did not reseal the bid she mistakenly opened, whereas this one was resealed with forgery. Marci added that another issue is that on Tuesdays when the Town Clerk gets to the Office the locked mailbox is often found unlocked and left opened, which is a huge security issue. Those with access currently are the Selectboard members, the Treasurer, and the Town Clerk and her assistant. Tammy stated she does not know the combination to the box. Thomasina makes a motion that from now on only the Town Clerk is responsible for opening and disseminating the mail to whomever it needs to go to. Tammy 2nd.



Bid Award – Garbage Contract- Thomasina announced that the board will be putting a contract together for the garbage, the language will be consistent with what is in the bid and will be a legal contract, moving forward anytime a contractor is hired there will be a contract.

New Business.....31 minutes

Policies & Procedures Update- Thomasina would like the purchasing policy updated. There will be a policy notebook/binder kept in the Town Hall and in the Town Clerk's Office. Thomasina would like to continue working on the policies and procedures and make sure they are updated, signed, and lodged in the vault. Thomasina would like to bring up discussion for the board that at Town Meeting, some people brought up the \$25 fee for unlocking and locking the door during Town Hall rental. Thomasina stated that this policy could be changed again to reflect leaving a key and town citizens would get the full \$50 deposit back if the building is left in good condition. Tammy thinks that the building should be checked to make sure that no damage is done. Kathy stated that the Town Hall in Brandon has a lock box that is attached to the door itself and has a combination that can be changed each time. With a rental, paperwork is filled out, a deposit is paid, and the key combination is given to the people renting the space, the key must be put back then the deposit is given back if the building is left in good condition. Thomasina stated that she believes with the current lock system on the doors there can be programmed a one time code for rental purposes. Madine stated that the Town Hall is not rented by that many people throughout the year. Bill inquired who rents the building the most. Tammy stated that the Martin's were the last to rent the space. The Brown's have their annual reunion there as well. Bill likes the expiring code idea. Marci advocates to have this policy go back to the way it was before it changed this past January, except she likes Kathy's idea for having a key and that should be added. Marci would like the policy to return the way that it was, for the full \$50 deposit refund for Goshen residents. She also stated that know one has ever charged for unlocking and locking the door, she has never charged and Rosie has never charged for this service. If there is damage in the Town Hall after the event, Goshen keeps the full deposit, if it is left as it was they get the full deposit back, this is only for Goshen citizens. This is a perk of living in Town and being able to rent the space for free, which is a nice gesture, she would like it to remain in place. Kathy likes that the key is always with the building, there would be no need to be sure someone will lock or unlock the door. Thomasina stated that there can also be a programmed key card. Madine stated that someone still needs to receive the paperwork and payment, whether it be the Town Clerk or a Selectboard member, then after someone will still need to be sure that the building is cleaned and that the key is put back. Marci stated that previously as this was managed by the Town Clerk, on Tuesdays after the event, the Town Clerk would go over and check the Hall and would void or return the check if it was found satisfactory, this was at no additional cost for the Town as it was while she was working on Tuesdays already. Bill likes the key that expires the best. Bill stated this will be put on the list to revisit. Thomasina will make revisions and present it at a future meeting and make sure the door system is



programmable. Madine stated that what wasn't broken, doesn't need to be fixed. There were extenuating circumstances with the Martin's that occurred, this was the first time that she has heard of there being a problem ever with getting in the Hall for any occasion. Madine, feels the one instance doesn't warrant the big issue that has been going on for the past three months. Bill agrees that something that happens once in fifty years is not worth going through a lot of hassle over. Bill instructs Thomasina to work on revising the policy.

Job Descriptions- The Selectboard will be working on job descriptions for town employees and they will have them for the next meeting.

Landscape Grounds Contract Bid (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)- This is to be for summer maintenance and it will be decided that there would be a contract. Dave Sabatini stated that there was a specific bid spec that was done from Doug Graham on each cemetery and the lawns as well as clean up in spring and fall and brush hogging in the new cemetery twice a year. Thomasina inquired if this had anything to do with the winter plowing. Dave Sabatini stated that the winter work and sweeping of the parking area was added later. Madine stated that the sweeping of the parking area was not originally added because he was awarded the job before the area was paved. Thomasina confirmed that this year it will be for the two lawns (municipal lawns), parking area sweeping, and spring and fall cleanup. Thomasina inquired if the gardens were included. Dave Sabatini stated that the garden work has been volunteer. This will be put out to bid for a one year contract. Dave inquired if it should be a one year contract or multi-year as it cost money each time a project is put out to bid. Tammy feels it should be a three year contract.

Grant Opportunities-Efficiency Vermont Lighting Grant-Thomasina would like to explore grants that are available from Efficiency Vermont. As of January 2024 only efficient lighting will be available for purchase. Efficiency Vermont is therefore offering grants for updating lighting. Thomasina added that Aaron Todd is a master electrician and will volunteer his time to retrofit the buildings. Jim stated that he received money for upgrading his lighting in his barn, they will pay for lighting and labor up to a certain amount. Jim recalls there being a deadline, Thomasina stated that yes, the offer expires July 1st of 2023, application needs to be in by April. Jim suggests to get High Bay, the requirement is a ceiling height of at least 12', they use little power and light up the place. The Town Garage is dark and could use an upgrade with lighting. Thomasina stated that an Efficiency person will come and do an assessment on lighting inside and outside of all the Town buildings. Jim stated upstairs in the Town Hall is not something that he would upgrade with LED lights. Thomasina will let the historical society decide on lighting and agrees with Jim that modern lights upstairs would not keep with the historic nature of the space.



FY2023 Nonprofit Security Grant Program- Department of homeland security- Thomasina will be working on researching the grant for some free money for security.

Website Renewal- Thomasina requested an approval to spend \$479.88 for the renewal of the website. This is an annual renewal. Thomasina motions that the board approve the expenditure of \$479.88 for the website, Tammy 2nd.

Grants Update- Thomasina has not heard anything regarding the FLAP grant, nor has Chris Mattrick. Marci will reach out and copy Thomasina on the email. Chris Mattrick will be coming to the Selectboard meeting in the future.

Historic Preservations Grant- Thomasina inquired what the original roofing material was on the Town Hall. Jim said underneath the metal are just boards, Jim said it was a slate roof to start with, originally cedar shingles were before the slate. When Jim striped the slate off the roof he saw the small holes where there were shingles on the roof. Madine stated that the slate came from a building by Newton Thompson, people from Goshen acquired the slate and hauled it out with the bridge collapsing behind them. Jim stated that it is said they had a keg of brandy at the top of the ridge, when they got up to it with the slate, they got the keg of brandy. When the slate was removed it ended up at Jim's house. Marci inquired regarding what was stated at the Town Meeting for an exterior ramp to be put in, Thomasina stated that she did not advocate for an exterior ramp to be installed. Thomasina would like to leave the exterior of the building as it is. Jim put the current galvanized roof on. Dave Sabatini inquired, if the original material was cedar shingles, is the building built structurally to withstand the slate? Jim stated that the building is rugged and built strong enough to hold slate. Kathy stated that to get a grant for the roof it must be put back to the original roof material of slate and not metal. Marci inquired if it would need to go back to cedar shingles. Kathy stated she thinks that the slate roof would be historic enough, as long as it was what was on in the 1930's. The metal will not receive funding. Jim stated that the board at the time hired him to strip the slate roof and replace it with metal, this was approximately 30 years ago. He was instructed to throw away the slate. Jim saw that the slate was not breaking when he was throwing the pieces in his truck, he asked the board if he could keep the slate and the board stated that he could. Jim hauled the slate away for free to his house. Jim said that the slate was fading green and were small pieces, approximately 7X12. Madine inquired if Jim ended up with one of the original chalkboards from the school house as she heard he had and used it behind a wood stove. Jim stated that he knows not where the original chalk board went but he never had it. He stated there may be one at the Town Garage.

Thomasina stated that the board will rebid out the Town Hall Roof bid and Town Hall Painting Bid. Thomasina would like the historical society to do the work on the ADA compliance for the



upstairs of the Town Hall.

Permission to speak/sign on behalf of Board for Roads- Thomasina requests from the board and makes a motion that she be able to speak with Mike Winslow and Brian Sanderson and to be able to sign, though not Chair, Tammy 2nd.

Bill inquired what happened to the steeple, Madine stated that she never saw or heard of a steeple. Marci inquired if Jim saw evidence of a steeple when he did roof work. He stated that structurally there is no evidence that suggests that a steeple is original to the building.

Executive Session.....36 minutes

Board motions to go into executive session for personnel issues at 8:48pm

Board comes out of executive session at 9:24pm, with no action taken.

Motion to Adjourn..... 9:25pm

Made by Bill Mathis, Tammy 2nd

Respectfully Submitted
Marci Hayes