



REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING

Monday, March 27, 2023 | 6:30 pm

Meeting held at the Goshen Town Hall

Unapproved Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Thomasina Magoon, Tammy Walsh, and Bill Mathis

OTHERS PRESENT: Fran Viko, Chad Chamberlain, Ethan West, Annina Seiler, Bob West, Janice Gould, Jeff Whiting, Vickee Whiting, Jeff Cathcart, Dian O'Classen, Ken Brown, Madine Reed, Timmi Moffi, David Sabatini, Marie hayes, Jim Hayes, Marci Hayes, Elsie Sherrill, Susanne George, Shari Brown, Kathy Mathis

Meeting Called

6:35 pm

To Order

Changes to Agenda Vickee Whiting has asked to be paid for assisting the Treasurer.

Previous Meeting Minutes **3-13-2023:** Thomasina mentioned a section mentioning "forgery" and then could not find it. These minutes were tabled.

3/15/2023: Emergency meeting minutes, Thomasina motioned, Tammy seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

During this time Jeff Cathcart mentioned that he could not hear. Bill stated his voice was weak. TW (Tammy Walsh) suggested Jeff move closer. Jeff stated this was discrimination and left the meeting. Bob West suggested everyone move closer.

Financial Report Review YTD (*from Treasurer—only first mtg of every month*)

TM (Thomasina Magoon) pulled reports from the Treasurer today and provided update profit and loss and is requesting time to look into the numbers. TM suggests having a separate budget meeting.

MOTION Consensus that budget meeting is needed. Date set for Budget only meeting, Tuesday, April 18th at 6 pm. Discussion to compensate Vickee for her assistance with financials. **TM motioned to compensate Vickee, TW seconded, all in favor Motion carries.**

Roads

Set Road Foreman Exit Plan Meeting Date & Review Timeline for Next Steps for Roads

A meeting was scheduled for the selectboard to meet with Jim and discuss transfer of position and next steps for roads. Meeting scheduled for Thursday, 4/6/2023 at 6 PM at the Town Hall.

Review of ACRPC Meeting

TM recapped the meeting with Mike Winslow from ACRPC. She attended with Jeff Whiting to review deadlines, process, and insuring compliance. Researched different operational options, updating culvert inventory from Capital Plan and efforts to connect with other towns.

Gravel for Roads

Jim stated that four loads were delivered today and three more are coming tomorrow. Jim was going to get some laid down up north and grading will take place when the roads dry out.

New Business

Appointments

Marci stated she would like it on the record that she was called and told that she needed to resign, or she would be terminated from three positions that she holds from the selectboard. Otherwise, she would have submitted a letter of interest for some of these. She stated that was the ultimatum she was given.

MOTION

Bill responded as the person who made the call to Marci. Bill stated he did this as a courtesy to Marci for her work for the town. He wanted to call before she heard it on the street. He gave her



the option to put it in her language, to phrase it how she would like. Marci told Bill she wanted to put it as her term was up. It was not in any way conceived as an ultimatum. The decision had been made and Marci needed to be the first to be told.

Janice Gould inquired why Marci’s services were no longer needed. Bill stated it was a personnel issue. Marci stated she asked why she was no longer wanted for these positions, and she wasn’t given a reason why and she wasn’t given notice if she had done anything wrong. Marci stated she accepts it.

Madine inquired when these decisions were made. Bill stated they were discussed in executive session, and it was decided the board would notify people affected first before making it public.

Madine inquired about the law stating anything that happens in executive session needs to be in the minutes when the select board comes out of executive session and this decision was not.

Bill pointed out the action wasn’t being taken until tonight. Madine stated it still needs to be in the meeting minutes. Bill stated he will take responsibility for that. Bill feels the board kept it within the limits of what would be good executive session and good human personnel actions.

There was further discussion on this matter and how it was handled.

TM read through the appointments and Bill suggested that the motion to appoint everyone be at the end. There was a discussion regarding the amount of interest in the Cemetery Commissioner appointments. The board appointed Ken Brown and Lee Baker (previous members) and drew the remaining names from a hat. Diane O’Classen was drawn by Linus West.

Madine Reed inquired how the vacant Zoning Administrator position will be handled. TM stated that a job description will be sent to the Planning Commission for their edits/approval and then it will go out to the public for submissions. In the meantime, cases will be handled in a case-by-case basis, with support provided by surrounding town’s administrators who have offered temporary assistance. **TM motions to accept all motions from the list, TW seconded, all in favor, motion carries.**

Please see attached list of appointments.

MOTION

Moosalamoo Ultra Event Permit

TM presented application for Moosalamoo Ultra running event. There was discussion regarding event. **TM motions to approve, BM seconded, all in favor, motion carries.**

TM presented application for Grand Fondo event. Bike event seeking consent to ride through on Goshen Roads. They will provide proof of insurance.

Job Descriptions – Zoning Administrator, Selectboard Clerk & Road Foreman/Crew

TM stated that the selectboard is working on job descriptions for positions.

Community Spring Pancake Breakfast Date?

TM presented idea for community breakfast. Discussion and decision made to forgo pancake breakfast and focus on the Community Pizza Night a BBH on April 30th.

Ruth Stone Grant Support Letter

TM drafting letter to support community arts grant. Planning Commission already wrote support letter.

Steven Douglas Bell

Bill presented an option for the leftover education monies from the consolidation. Brenda contacted Bill about it. Discussion around monies already being allocated to for museum passes, musical instruments for Goshen kids at Neshobe or other things. Bill to connect with Brenda to confirm.

Old Business

Grant Opportunities

Efficiency Vermont Lighting Grant Meeting- TM and Bob West to meet with Efficiency Vermont on April 13th for walk-through and recommendations.



FY2023 Nonprofit Security Grant Program - TM hasn't had time to investigate, will do.

Town Hall Roof Re-bid - TM hasn't had time to look into, will do.

Town Hall Painting Bids - GHS- TM asked Madine to work with GHS to put together specifications for painting so it can be put out to bid. More discussion on this subject and grant possibilities. Kathy Mathis to look into grant for ADA access (lift into Town Hall upstairs).

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

Diane O'Classen expressed, "disappointment in the fact that some people think they can go around town and destroy and remove signs that support candidates for office. It was disrespectful and against freedom of speech besides it was a legal and we all have the right to vote however one chooses. She would like to make a point that only certain signs were taken down and it's illegal. She hopes that next year there are better performances from folks in town."

Timmi Moffi requests that town employees further refrain from contacting her and Dave's project consultant, as it had been stated previously in the meeting, that this had occurred. She noted that they pay him by the hour.

Shari Brown questioned the board regarding the difference between an ordinance and a policy? Further discussion ensued on this subject, as well as bylaws.

Jeff Whiting stated that the Town of Proctor voted to join the Otter Creek Insect Control District. There was further discussion on this subject and whether this would cost us less, or more. Jeff stated no changes at this time.

TM reminded committees and board to organize by May 15th and to send their agendas and minutes to the selectboard and selectboard clerk. This will be posted to the website on their respective pages.

These appointed positions can also request a town email address if they so choose.

TM states as a reminder that Goshen is a member of VLCT and that there are trainings and valuable resources available. There was more discussion on this topic.

Marci asks the board about training for Constable. She will bring costs and information to present to the board.

Executive Session None

Motion to Adjourn TW made motion to adjourn, Bill second, all in favor, motion carries.

8:18 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Timmi Moffi, Selectboard Clerk



Appointed Officials

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<u>Planning Commission – 3 years</u>	
Chad Chamberlain, Chair	2025
Madine Reed	2025
Dick Conrad	2024
Annina Seiler	2026
Jim Pulver	2026
<u>ACRPC Representative – 3 years</u>	
Jim Pulver	2024
<u>ACRPC Alternate – 1 year</u>	
Chad Chamberlain	2024
<u>Road Foreman – 1 year</u>	
Jim Hayes, Temporary	2024
<u>ACSWMD Representative – 1 year</u>	
Annina Seiler	2024
<u>ACSWMD Alternate – 1 year</u>	
David Sabatini	2024
<u>Town Energy Coordinator – 1 year</u>	
Bob West	2024
<u>Occupational Drug Testing Representative – 1 year</u>	
Selectboard – as Road Commissioner	2024
<u>Otter Creek Watershed Insect Representatives–3 years</u>	
Jeff Whiting	2026
Chad Beckwith	2025
<u>Health Officer – 3 years</u>	
Janice Gould	2026
<u>Service Officer – 1 year</u>	
Kathy Mathis	2024

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<u>Board of Adjustment – 1 year</u>	
David Bishop, Chair	2024
Kenneth Brown	2024
Dick Conrad	2024
Annina Seiler	2024
Barb Walsh	2024
<u>Zoning Administrator – 1 year</u>	
Open	2024
<u>Selectboard Clerk – 1 year</u>	
Timmi Moffi	2024
<u>Road Crew – 1 year</u>	
Open	2024
<u>Fire Warden – 5 years</u>	
Shawn Martin	2024
<u>Emergency Management Coordinator – 1 year</u>	
Ethan West	2024
<u>Emergency Management Alternate – 1 year</u>	
Timmi Moffi	2024
<u>911 Coordinator – 1 year</u>	
Shari Brown	2024
<u>Otter Creek Watershed Insect Rep. Alternate – 3 years</u>	
Ben Lawton	2024
<u>Deputy Health Officer – 3 years</u>	
Jim Hayes	2026
<u>Grand Juror – 1 year</u>	
James Hayes	2024



<u>Cemetery Commissioners – 3 years</u>	
Ken Brown	2024
Diane O’Classen	2024
Lee Baker	2024

<u>Goshen Historical Society Representatives – 1 year</u>	
Madine Reed	2024
Galina Chernaya	2024

<u>Weigher of Coal – 1 year</u>	
David Sabatini	2024

<u>OCCUD Broadband Representative – 1 year</u>	
Cassandra Hayes	2024

<u>OCCUD Broadband Alternate – 1 year</u>	
Madine Reed	2024

<u>Green-Up Day Co-Coordinator – 1 year</u>	
David Sabatini	2024

<u>Goshen Municipal Town Forest Board – 3 years</u>	
Tom Bahre, Chair	2024
Jeff Whiting, Vice-Chair	2026
Jim Pulver	2025
Wes Butler, VT Fish & Game Warden	2025
Selectboard	Terms

<u>Pound Keepers – 1 year</u>	
Constables	2024

<u>Fence Viewers – 1 year</u>	
Selectboard	2024

<u>Inspector of Lumber, Shingles, and Coal – 1 year</u>	
Selectboard	2024

<u>Tree Warden – 1 year</u>	
Selectboard	2024

<u>Green-Up Day Co-Coordinator – 1 year</u>	
Annina Seiler	2024