
TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING



JUNE 6, 2016



Town of Goffstown

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16 MAIN STREET
GOFFSTOWN, NH 03045
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June 6, 2016
SPECIAL MEETING
Board of Selectmen
AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- 6:00 pm 1. Selectmen Business:
- a. Rail Trail Ordinance: Vote on proposed amendment regarding hours of use.
 - b. PRLAC Request: Retain Tax Deeded property on Mill Street (Map 24 Lot 127-1)
- 6:05 pm 2. Volunteer Recognition:
- The Board will recognize those who did not renew their volunteer position on a town committee and who had four or more years of service on that committee.
- 6:30 pm 3. Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3 (d) real estate
- Adjourn

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Except for scheduled public hearings all other times on the agenda are approximate.

Any person with a disability who wishes to attend this public meeting and needs to be provided a reasonable accommodation in order to participate, please call the Town Hall (497-8990 x100) at least 72 hours in advance so that arrangements can be made.

Town Administrator's Report

June 6, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

6:00 pm 1. **Selectmen Business:**

- a. Rail Trail Ordinance: Vote on proposed amendment regarding hours of use. **#1a**

Per RSA 41:14-b the Board has held the required two public hearings, and waited the required time to vote on the proposed amendment to allow use 24 hours per day provided users had proper illumination.

At the two public hearings, a total of 46 residents testified to the amendment, 36 were opposed, 9 in favor, and 1 was neutral). Also, a total of 8 emails/letters were received, 3 opposed, 5 in favor. Some of those in favor expressed a need to modify "dawn to dusk" but not for 24 hours per day.

Enclosed is a submission of discussion points from Selectman Pierce.

Motion needed.

- b. PRLAC Request: Retain Tax Deeded property on Mill Street (Map 24 Lot 127-1) **#1b**

I respectfully request that the Board vote on this request. One bidder on this property has expressed his plan to attend the next Selectmen meeting for the bid opening and he would be traveling from quite a distance to attend.

Motion needed.

6:05 pm 2. **Volunteer Recognition:**

The Board recognizes those who did not renew their volunteer position on a town committee and who had four or more years of service on that committee. Some could not attend tonight but will still be recognized.

4 Years of Service

Joseph Spoerl	Budget Committee
Richard Lee Sperry	Budget Committee
Denise Langley	Rails to Trails Committee
Lowell Von Ruden	Rails to Trails Committee

5 Years of Service

Bryan Fournier	Economic Development Council
Gail Labrecque	Capital Improvement Program Committee

7 Years of Service

Joan Konieczny	Cemetery Trustee
Mark Collins	Historic District Commission

8 Years of Service

Tina Daniels	Supervisor of Checklist
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9 Years of Service

Cathy Whooten	Sewer Commission
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6:30 pm 3. **Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3 (d) real estate**

Adjourn

Rail Trail Ordinance – Discussion Points
Submitted by Selectman Pierce --- June 6, 2016

Dawn and dusk limits

- ❖ Dusk & dawn are limits of 3 twilight periods when the sun is 6, 12, & 18-deg below the horizon
- ❖ Current ordinance does not explain which applies. Each period is about 30 minutes long.
- ❖ Civil twilight: the period between the sun 6 degrees below the horizon and at the horizon.
- ❖ Civil twilight: the brightest form of 3 twilight periods. Many countries use "civil twilight" to make laws related to aviation, hunting, and the usage of headlights and street lights. There is enough natural sunlight during this period that artificial light may not be required to carry out outdoor activities.

Ordinance using civil dawn & dusk limits

- ❖ The time of the event changes daily as the chart below demonstrates.
- ❖ Enforcement requires daily access to precise data.
- ❖ Enforcement when a violation is close to start/end of approved times is problematic.
- ❖ During civil twilight a person "outside" perceives sufficient sunlight, whereas a person inside a lit home, looking out a window, perceives "total darkness".

Ordinance using a time of day limits

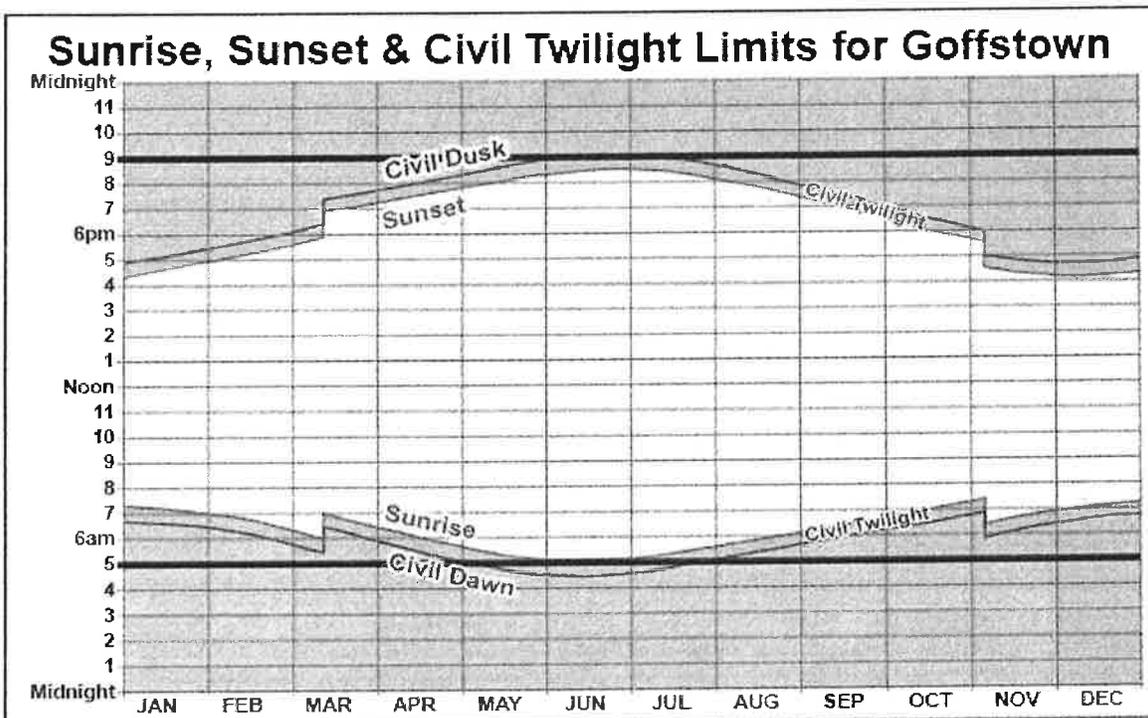
- ❖ Residents, trail users & police all know the exact approved hours.
- ❖ Trail activities are largely set by the clock and work schedules, not by the sun position.
- ❖ The trail was purchased and improved to be a transportation corridor – ie, commuters in early and late hours.

Using 5am and 9pm limits versus civil dawn and dusk

- ❖ In a mid-summer day trail use opportunity is slightly reduced. This is also a period when abutters may want to enjoy open windows or be outside.
- ❖ In a mid-winter day trail use opportunity is increased up to 4 hours. This is also a period when abutters may want to keep windows closed or not be outside.
- ❖ Better honors the commitment to provide an alternative transportation corridor to Manchester.
- ❖ Nashua has rail trail limits at 6am and 10pm.
- ❖ Using 5am better respects sunrise and twilight periods.
- ❖ Using 9pm better respects Goffstown residents favoring an earlier limit.

Other concerns

- ❖ Delete "Pre-development" from the title.
- ❖ Any reference to using a light is not necessary. State laws apply to bicyclists.





Dick Ludders, Chair
Piscataquog River Local Advisory Committee
388 Western Ave., E5
Henniker, NH 03242

May 24, 2016

Goffstown Select Board
Town of Goffstown
16 Main Street
Goffstown, NH 03045

Dear Goffstown Select Board:

Under RSA 483 one of the duties of the Piscataquog River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC) is to advise municipalities through which the Designated River or segment flows. Recently the town listed a town owned property, Mill Street - Map 34-127-1, for tax deeded sale. It is the recommendation of the PRLAC that the Town of Goffstown not sell this property, but instead retain this property for potential river access and or other community uses along the river. Providing public access to the natural beauty of a designated river, not only provides residents with access to our natural waterways, but may also benefit the community through improved quality of life and possible future economic development.

We hope the Town of Goffstown will reconsider the sale of the Mill Street property and instead look for potential uses of the property which may provide a benefit to the river and the community as a whole.

Sincerely,

Andrew Cardoretto for

Dick Ludders, Chair
Piscataquog River Local Advisory Committee

CC: PRLAC Members