

TOWN OF GOSHEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES – Regular Meeting
Town Hall Conference Room
March 08, 2016

PRESENT: Robert P. Valentine, Dexter S. Kinsella, Steven M. Romano

OTHERS: Pat Reilly

Robert P. Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2016 meeting as submitted. Voted unanimous.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES: Bob Valentine reported that the furnace at Town Hall has been replaced and is in full working order.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND WARRANT: March 10, 2016

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to approve the warrant and payroll of March 10, 2016 in the amount of \$48,306.75. It was noted included in the warrant was the payroll in the amount of \$22,783.43 and the warrant in the amount of \$25,523.32. Voted unanimous. Items contained in this warrant showed the expense for road salt at Public Works.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

The order of the agenda was adjusted to hear the presentation of the **Library Budget, department 21** at this time.

Pat Reilly, Chairman of the Library Board, explained the purchase of a new on line learning capability - *Lynda.com Online Learning*, that can be utilized by not only the library staff, but also all Goshen library patrons who hold a library card. This program will enable users to gain access to tutorial lessons concerning business, software, technology, business courses, excel, power-point, word, photography, video, home computing, and others. All other items submitted on this proposed budget were reviewed by the Board of Selectmen.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT:

Bob Valentine reported that he attended a Task Force meeting held at WAMOGO recently whose topic was Substance Abuse. Allison Fulton, Executive Director of HVCASA led the discussion. The members of the Board of Selectmen will attend a follow up meeting on this important topic.

Bob Valentine also reported on the gathering at Goshen Center School to educate the public on the extent of opioid addiction in the Northwest Corner. Founder and Director of the *United Coalition of Northwest Connecticut*, Brian M. Ohler of Canaan headed up this awareness forum. A widespread effort involving government, hospitals, law enforcement and community organizations is needed. Much of the discussion centered on the use of Narcan by hospitals, EMS providers and the police. Narcan is a medication that saves lives by blocking the effects of opioids in overdose cases.

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A Regional Animal Control budget meeting in Torrington was held and attended by First Selectmen, Bob Valentine, and Leo Paul, along with Mayor Elinor Carbone and Torrington Chief of Police, Michael Maniago. Also discussed at this meeting was the potential of a state grant (under the Northwest Hills Council of Governments) for the establishment of a new Regional Animal Control Facility to be built in Torrington. The discussion also included possible bonding for it, thus being paid for over time.

An open house in honor of Joe Pedone's 80th birthday will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2016, at the Goshen Fire House, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Joe Pedone will be recognized for his many years of service and dedication to the town of Goshen, its Boards and Commissions. In lieu of gifts, donations may be made to the Goshen Fire Department.

A discussion was held on a driveway located on West St. The original site plan will be referred to in resolving the problem of a need for a drainage pipe.

Bob Valentine reported that the final hook-up with *Nutmeg Network* is fast approaching.

An official Certificate from the town of Goshen has been created in recognition of Girls Scouts Day, March 12, 2016. A presentation will be made to our local group.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

8a. Appointments – None at this time.

8b. Budgets 2016-2017

- Cemeteries, Department 56- New bids for the mowings have been received and awarded.
- Rescue, Department 28
- Fire Protection, Department 26

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to receive the Cemeteries, Rescue and Fire Protection budgets and forward them on to the Board of Finance for their review.

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to add to the agenda, under 9 New Business, item a. Tax Collector's Report, February 29, 2016. Voted unanimous.

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NEW BUSINESS:

9a Tax Collector's Report, February 29, 2016.

The report was reviewed with some discussion. The Collection Rate (collected less refunds vs. total budgeted) is 99.77%

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to receive the Tax Collector's Report, February 29, 2016 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide