

TOWN OF GOSHEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES – Regular Meeting
Town Hall Conference Room
June 7, 2016

PRESENT: Robert P. Valentine, Dexter S. Kinsella

OTHERS: Amy Tobin

EXCUSED: Steven M. Romano

Robert P. Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was VOTED to approve the minutes of the May 31, 2016 meeting as submitted. Voted unanimous.

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was VOTED to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2016 Special Meeting as submitted. Voted unanimous.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES: Bob Valentine reported that representatives from the Lake Week Committee will be present at the Board of Selectmen's meeting June 14th to report on the weed harvesting program and plans moving forward to remedy the problem. A formal report will also be presented to the Board of Finance. This Committee will also be requesting and appropriation of \$30,000 from the BOF to be divided among Dog Pond, West Side Lake and Tyler Lake. The RFP for Dog Pond has been completed and reviewed by Dr. George Knoecklein; request for quotations will be solicited publicly as the next step.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND WARRANT: June 9, 2016. IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was VOTED to approve the warrant and payroll of June 9, 2016 in the amount of \$250,530.30. It was noted included in the warrant was the payroll in the amount of \$22,727.24 and the warrant in the amount of \$227,803.06. Voted unanimous. Items included in this warrant were payment for an invoice from Metcalf Paving in the amount of \$196,485.29; and an invoice from Connecticut Seal Coat, \$10,800 for crack seal.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT:

Bob Valentine reported that Governor Malloy signed the State Budget, albeit exercising his line item veto privilege, in which he took away an additional \$20 million dollars from the municipal aide program. Additionally, going forward indigent persons that have passed away will no longer be buried care of the State medical examiner. The deceased will be returned to their home town and that town will be responsible for internment expenses with the local funeral home and burial.

The recycling contract with USA Hauling & Recycling, Inc. for Goshen has been finalized and will be signed on 6/16/16, and extend to five (5) years.

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The Fire Commissioners and Fire Company continue to work on the RFP for a new ambulance.

The survey with wetlands and topography on Gray Lane is now complete.

At this meeting the Board of Selectmen would like to recognize the passing of Fred Dreger, long time resident of Goshen. Mr. Dreger was an outstanding resident who devoted many years of community service not only the Goshen Fire Company, but to many others organizations throughout the town. He stepped up when there was a need; he was emblematic of why it was good to be a resident of Goshen. He will be sorely missed by so many.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Appointments – Bob Valentine is awaiting return phone calls.

A letter of resignation has been formally received by the Town Clerk from Carey Budnick. Mr. Budnick has resigned from the Wetlands Commission and the Board of Assessors.

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was VOTED to add to the agenda under 9. New Business, items a. Tax Collector's Report, May 31, 2016; item b. Plan of Conservation and Development – Roads; item c. Bank Resolution for Depositories. Voted unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. The Tax Collector's Report was read and reviewed. From the 2014 Grand List Collection Information – Collection rate – collected less refunds vs. total budgeted: 101.69%.

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was VOTED to receive the Tax Collector's Report, May 31, 2016 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

- b. Roads and the Plan of Conservation and Development: a DRAFT report was distributed and reviewed. This report highlighted a few problematic issues. Having too narrow road right-of-ways hampers Public Works for designing appropriate drainage. Over time, efforts should be made to standardize all roads to a minimum of 66 feet, the current standard for subdivisions. Additionally, stone walls served as the delineation between town roads and right of ways. By home owners removing these stone walls, they are removing a property marker between town property and private property. It would be prudent for Goshen to adopt an ordinance governing how and when any stone wall can be removed.

- c. Resolution for the Town of Goshen adopting the designation of official depositories:

RESOLUTION

At a meeting of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Goshen held on the 7th day of June 2016, a Resolution was adopted designating the following banks as official depositories for the Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Recreation Commission and Library of the Town of Goshen.

NAMES OF BANKS & DEPOSITORIES:

Bank of America

Litchfield Bancorp

Union Savings Bank

The Torrington Savings Bank

Edward Jones

State of Connecticut- STIF account (short term investment funds)

This Resolution was passed in order that the Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Recreation Commission and Library of said Town might avail themselves of the protection afforded by Sec. 7-401 and Sec. 7-402 of the C.G.S. relating to depository banks. A certified copy of the Resolution designating the depositories has been filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

Barbara Breor, Town Clerk

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was VOTED to adopt the *Resolution on Depositories for the Town of Goshen*. Voted unanimous.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide