

TOWN OF GOSHEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES – Regular Meeting
Town Hall Conference Room
June 21, 2016

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

OTHERS: Allan Walker, Christopher Sanders, Michele Fitzpatrick, Lucy Hussman

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to approve the minutes of June 14, 2016. Voted unanimous.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES: Bob Valentine reported that to date, he has no further information as to what municipal aide lines were included in the \$20 million reduction in the State budget.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND WARRANT: June 23, 2016. IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to approve the warrant and payroll of June 23, 2016 in the amount of \$48,816.75. It was noted included in the warrant was the payroll in the amount of \$22,043.98, and the warrant in the amount of \$26,772.77. Voted unanimous. Items included in this warrant were m payments of invoices from Sterling Benefits, MIRA and Dime Oil Company.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT:

Bob Valentine met with George Roberts of USA Hauling & Recycling and completed the signing of the new recycling contract.

Public Works has been completed shimming and paving roads in town; chip sealing is in progress along with some crack sealing; work expected to be done before the end of this fiscal year.

Bob Valentine held a meeting for Goshen businesses in the continuing efforts to move forward with the creation of a business organization in town. Included in the discussions was the *Plan for Conservation and Development*. Ms. Joanne Ryan, Director of the Northwest Connecticut Chamber of Commerce, will be invited to make a presentation at the next meeting of this group.

A brief discussion ensued on the need for easements from property owners for drainage on Cottage Grove Road and drainage on Lake Shore Drive. Town Attorney Roraback will draw up easements.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

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8. OLD BUSINESS:

8a – Appointments – no further appointments were made at this time.

8b – Recommendation to Board of Finance – Lake Weed Committee

Chris Sanders gave an explanation to the Selectmen validating the amount of \$30,000 (\$10,000 per lake – Tyler Lake, West Side Pond and Dog Pond). This amount will give a good “leg up” to move forward in the fight against continued growth of invasive plant species. Allan Walker, seated in the audience, voiced his support in this effort.

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to recommend to the Board of Finance an appropriation of \$30,000 to the Lake Weed Committee to be used toward the efforts to reduce the invasive plants on the three lakes, Dog Pond, West Side Pond and Tyler Lake. Voted unanimous. **If the Board of Finance approves this request, a Town Meeting will be held to vote on approval of this appropriation.*

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to add to the agenda under Old Business, item d. Recommendation of firm for Goshen Revaluation; and item e. Shelbourne Drive Drainage Project Recommendation. Voted unanimous.

8.c - Plan of Conservation and Development – Roads

After reviewing a second time the DRAFT of the Roads and the Plan of Conservation and Development, the following motion was made:

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to remove “draft” from the *Roads and the Plan of Conservation and Development* and forward to Martin Connor for inclusion of the master Plan of Conservation and Development for Goshen. Voted unanimous.

8.d - Recommendation for firm to conduct Goshen Revaluation

Lucy Hussman, Assessor, presented her recommendations of the firm to carry out the 2017 revaluation process for Goshen properties from bids received on May 31, 2016.

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to hire **Vision Government Solutions** as recommended by Assesor, Lucy Hussman. Voted unanimous.

8.e - Recommendation for contractor to conduct Shelbourne Drive Drainage Project

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to approve the recommendation made by Garret Harlow, Public Works Supervisor, to hire TradeMark Contractors, LLC of Bristol, CT for drainage work to be done on Shelbourne Drive. Voted unanimous.

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NEW BUSINESS:

9. a - Special Event Permit –Tibetan Festival

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to approve the special event permit for the Tibetan Festival to be held on Saturday, July 16th and Sunday, July 17th, with the addition of requiring traffic cones and signage to slow down traffic speeds upon approaching the entrance to this event. Voted unanimous.

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to add under item Any Other Business, 10.a Appropriation from TAR (Town Aide Road fund) for paving of West Hyerdale Drive; 10.b Appropriation from TAR for the cost of the Shelbourne Drive Drainage Project. Voted unanimous.

10.a - Appropriation from TAR – Paving of West Hyerdale Drive

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to approve the appropriation of \$73,338.97 from the TAR funds for the paving of West Hyerdale Drive. Voted unanimous.

10.b – Appropriation from TAR – Shelbourne Drive Drainage Project

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to approve the appropriation of \$103,500 from the TAR fund for work on the Shelbourne Drive Drainage project. Voted unanimous.

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to add item 10.c Executive Session for Pending Litigation. Voted unanimous.

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to move into Executive Session for Pending Litigation at 5:53 p.m. Voted unanimous.

The Board of Selectmen returned to open session at 6:07 p.m. No action taken.

11. ADJOURNMENT

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide