

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES – Regular Meeting
Town Hall Conference Room
October 13, 2015**

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

OTHERS: Allan Walker

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

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED that the minutes of the meeting of October 6, 2015 were approved as submitted. Voted unanimous.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES: NONE

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to approve the warrant and payroll of October 15, 2015, in the amount of \$43,744.28. It was noted that included in the payroll and warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$13,707.26 and the warrant in the amount of \$30,037.02. Voted unanimous. Costs to repair the sander truck from Universal Welding and repairs to ambulance were included in this warrant.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT:

The Animal Control Officer, Caitlin Nield, spoke with Bob Valentine. After an inspection of the kennel located on Sharon Turnpike, the ACO found no violations within the State Statutes regarding the issue of barking dogs. She will confer with Karen Fletcher accordingly.

Bob Valentine met with George Taylor of *Genie Innovations* relative to the VOIP services to tie in with the Nutmeg Network program at town hall. Bob will obtain costs for re-doing the existing town's phone system and work out a possible agreement.

With reference to the town owned property on Flora Road, Mr. Demas has agreed to move the shed.

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to add the following items to the agenda. Voted unanimous.

- 9.b Emergency Medical Services Plan
- 9.c Purchase Order Waiver
- 9.d Award of the winter sand bid
- 9.e Tax Collector's Report, September 30, 2015
- 9.f Appropriation from TAR for Shelbourne Drive Drain Project

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CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

Final Audit: The final audit report was presented to the Board of Finance, Wednesday, October 7, 2015 by Sandra E. Welwood, CPA, Goshen's new auditing firm. The members of the Board of Finance were very satisfied with her fine report which resulted in a "clean audit".

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointments: Bob Valentine is in the process of contacting potential members for those vacancies that exist on boards and commissions to make re-appointments or new appointments accordingly.

Emergency Medical Services: Goshen's Emergency Medical Services Plan has been updated per requirements; this Plan has been reviewed by Barry Hall, our Fire Chief, Jim O'Leary, Emergency Management Director, and Selectmen, Dexter Kinsella and Steven Romano. A final copy has been submitted to Steven Hotchkiss, State Department of Public Health.

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to approve the Emergency Medical Services Plan as presented and approve its submittal to the State Department of Public Health. Voted unanimous.

Purchase Order Waiver:

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to approve the request for waiver of the town's Purchase Policy from the Assessor's Office, with reference to MapXpress Interactive Public GIS internet Licensing, Hosting and Maintenance – July 2015 to June 2016. Voted unanimous. A brief discussion followed wherein it was agreed that certain programs are too practical to change regularly because of the expenses. However, the Board Selectmen agreed to regularly review choices of vendors used by all departments to ensure fair and beneficial choices are made.

Award of Winter Sand Bid:

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to accept the recommendation from Garret Harlow, Public Works Supervisor, to award the bid to Segalla Sand & Gravel, Inc. for providing Goshen with winter sand. Voted unanimous.

Tax Collector's Report – September 30, 2015:

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to receive the Tax Collector's Report for September 30, 2015 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

Noted: Collection rate – collected less refunds vs. total budgeted - 57.04%

Appropriation from TAR for Shelbourne Drive Drainage Project:

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to appropriate from the Town Aide Road fund, (TAR) \$17,850 for engineering services by Lenard Engineering for the drainage project work on Shelbourne Drive. Voted unanimous.

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide