

TOWN OF GOSHEN  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
**MINUTES – Regular Meeting**  
**October 4, 2016**

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 27, 2016 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES: NONE

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND WARRANT: 9/29/16

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to approve the warrant and payroll of October 6, 2016 in the amount of \$59,791.18 It was noted included in the warrant was the payroll in the amount of \$10,526.31 and the warrant in the amount of \$49,264.87. Voted unanimous. Highlighted in this disbursement was a payment to Aquatic Analysis, LLC, for weed harvesting at Dog Pond.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to add under OLD BUSINESS, item a. *Stone Wall Ordinance* and item b. *Town Property – Flora Road*. Voted unanimously.

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to add under NEW BUSINESS, item a. *Veterans Exemption*. Voted unanimously.

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to add under ANY OTHER BUSINESS, item a. *Executive Session for the discussion of Pending Litigation*. Voted unanimous.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT:

**The Goshen/Cornwall Senior Bus:** Working with Carole Deane from the Northwest Transit District, Bob Valentine was advised that there is a “*suggested*” small token fee(s) for riders; those who have limited mobility - \$.65/per trip; seniors, \$1.25 per trip. The Board of Selectmen is not in favor of collecting any fee for the use of the bus. Bob Valentine will continue to explore options for not requiring riders to pay fees.

**Cemetery Monuments:**

In an ongoing effort to keep our cemeteries in pristine condition, Bob Valentine will be meeting with Monument Conservation Colaborative, LLC, to review the current need of repairing stones and foundation of stones in the town cemeteries..

**Annual Audit:**

The Board of Finance at their meeting on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 accepted and favorably received the Annual Audit for fiscal year 2015/2016. Ms. Sandra L. Welwood made the presentation and answered any questions. Chairman, Allan D. Walker thanked everyone involved with the audit process for their hard work.

**New Conference Room Table:**

Bob Valentine reported that the Board of Finance approved his request for additional funding (\$2,200.) to be applied to the purchase of the sectional tables for the main conference room. The long conference room table currently there will be moved to a room upstairs to be used for meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

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OLD BUSINESS:

**8a. Stone Wall Ordinance:**

Town Attorney Chip Roraback has been requested to review a copy of Harwinton's ordinance concerning preservation of highway boundary stone walls. The Board of Selectmen agreed to have Attorney Roraback modify this document for the town of Goshen accordingly. It is hoped that a "Draft" ordinance will be available for the Annual Town Meeting in November 2016.

**8b. Town Property - Flora Road**

The Board of Selectmen received an email laying out the necessary process in order to sell town property on Flora Road. Given that deed restrictions preclude the town using the property for anything other than residential purposes, the Board of Selectmen agreed to pursue its sale. The process is as follows: obtain an official appraisal, consideration given by the Planning & Zoning Commission, a public hearing, followed by a Town Meeting, placement of several legal ads placed in the local newspapers, posting of signage on the property itself.

NEW BUSINESS:

**9a. Veterans Exemption for taxpayers.**

The Board of Selectmen are currently considering a proposal to increase the current veterans exemption per PA 16-191. All Selectmen agreed that the town should offer the maximum amount allowable by State Statues, but because Goshen's exemption is already at \$20,000, the Board of Selectmen agreed to ask town Counsel to review State Statues and give the Board of Selectmen guidance.

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to move into executive session at 6:12 p.m. for the discussion of pending litigation. Voted unanimous.

The Board moved into open session at 6:40 p.m. No action was taken.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide