

TOWN OF GOSHEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 2016

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

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

2. 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 November 8, 2016. Voted unanimous.

3. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES: NONE

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to add to the agenda under item 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Winter Road Sand Bid. Voted unanimous.

4. APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND WARRANT: 11/17/16

IN A MOTION made by Robert P. Valentine, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to approve the warrant and payroll of November 17, 2016 in the amount of \$74,902.06. It was noted included in the warrant was the payroll in the amount of \$12,790.99 and the warrant in the amount of \$62,111.07. Voted unanimous. This warrant contained costs for the Nov. 8th national election, payments to USA Hauling & Recycling, Sterling Benefits, and Crack Sealing.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

6. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT:

Bob Valentine will meet with Conn.DOT (State of Conn.) to review the guidelines regarding the repaving work to be done on Milton Road. This project is being done using funding from the Rural Minor Collector Grant. It appears that several of the *guidelines* are being interpreted as *requirements*. Clarification of these needs to be done to enable the work to be done in the most cost efficient way.

The meeting of the *Goshen Business Circle* last week signified strong enthusiasm by the large attendance. A discussion took place on perhaps having the town function in the capacity of their "fiscal agent" for a short period of time. This would give the group accountability of their donated funding by the group. The Selectmen agreed to have the Town be the fiscal agent for the time being with the hope the group would formally function as a 501(C) 6 organization in the future.

The *Tyler Lake Protective Association* has received approval of their formal application as a non-profit 501-3-C organization. West Side Pond has filed their application for same, and is awaiting their letter of approval. It was the consensus of the Board of Selectmen to transfer the funds of these two lake associations from the town fiscal office over to them. These are funds that have been donated by their members/property owners. Even though these organizations will be on their own, it behooves the town to continue to be supportive in their future endeavors. It may be necessary for these lake organizations to come before the BOF for additional funding for necessary projects to keep these waterways clean for use by fishing, swimming and other recreational activities. This may be achieved by showing these organizations as a line item in the budget, in the same manner as TAHD, LCD, FISH, etc. These Lake Organizations can submit a balance sheet to identify income and expenditures in the town Annual Report. Steven Romano, Chairman of the Lake Weed Committee, felt the town needs to continue to be supportive of the well-being of these lakes as valuable assets for the town of Goshen.

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Bob Valentine reported that BNE Energy, LLC was not successful with their RFP to DEEP to develop the Turbines in Goshen. BNE Energy is reassessing the project. Notwithstanding, Representative Jay Case will assist Bob Valentine in securing a copy of the letter from the DEEP to BNE Energy, LLC containing the reasons for their rejection.

Bob Valentine met with Neil O’Leary, Mayor of Waterbury, Richard Reis and Ray Turri of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District to discuss the Waterbury reservoir system. WLSD willingly opened their gate to accommodate the need for Waterbury. Noted was the fact that WLSD has over 90,000 ft. of sewer lines in the Waterbury watershed and the districts’ 40 plus years of stewardship that has protected the watershed from pollution. This is in stark contrast to the Torrington Water Company’s opposition of 3,900 feet of sewer line on the edge of its reserve watershed.

A budget summit meeting with Regional School District 6 regarding the 2017-2018 budget is scheduled for Monday, December 5, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the WAMOGO large gymnasium. Members of the Board of Education, Boards of Selectmen, and Boards of Finance will come together to increase communications amongst the three towns.

Bob Valentine was pleased to report a good response from town employees to donations to the United Way of Northwest Connecticut.

7. CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

8. OLD BUSINESS:

8a. PA 490 - A meeting was held with Attorney Roraback, Lucy Hussman, Assessor and Bob Valentine wherein a discussion took place on the provision in the open space plan regarding two (2) lots abutting one another, if they are not developed. More work needs to be done to ensure the intent of the P&Z and Conservation Commission is followed.

8b. Call of the Annual and Special Town Meeting – Dexter Kinsella read aloud the entire call of the Annual and Special Town Meeting to be held on Monday, November 21, 2016, at 8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Goshen Center School. IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to approve the Call of the Annual and Special Town Meeting. Copy attached. Voted unanimous.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

The Selectmen reviewed the Tax Collector’s Report, October 31, 2016. Collection rate – collected, less refunds vs. total budgeted is 56.89%. IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to receive the Tax Collector’s Report, October 31, 2016. Voted unanimous.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

10a. Winter Sand Bid Award

Bob Valentine read aloud the various bids received for Winter Road Sand and announced that Segalla Sand and Gravel, Inc. of North Canaan, CT was the recommended proposal.

Segalla Sand & Gravel, Inc.

112 Allyndale Road

North Canaan, CT 06018

Total Price per Ton (delivered) \$14.41

Total Price per Ton (Picked up) \$10.67

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to approve the recommendation from Garret Harlow, Public Works Supervisor, to award the contract for Dry Screened Winter Road Sand to Segalla Sand and Gravel, Inc. of North Canaan, CT. Voted unanimous.

Dexter S. Kinsella, Chairman of the Search Committee for a Recreation Director reported that candidates have been selected, and interviews will begin this week.

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11. ADJOURNMENT:

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide