

TOWN OF GOSHEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES – Regular Meeting
November 1, 2016

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

OTHERS: Allan Walker

1. Robert P. Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.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 October 18, 2016 as corrected. Voted unanimous. Typographical error on page 2, paragraph 8c, omit (+) sign at end of paragraph.

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 New Business: item 9a. Tax Collector Presentation. Voted unanimous.

4. APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND WARRANT: 11/3/16

IN A MOTION made by Robert P. Valentine, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to approve the warrant and payroll of November 3, 2016 in the amount of \$1,242,330.13. It was noted included in the warrant was the payroll in the amount of \$12,670.68 and the warrant in the amount of \$1,229,569.45. Voted unanimous. Highlighted in this disbursement were payments to Region 6 School District and MIRA (waste removal fees).

5. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

9a. Tax Collector's Presentation: Rebecca Juchert-Derungs, Goshen Tax Collector, reported on the minor changes made to the *Tax Collector Report for Year to Date*. A new column, *Uncollected Taxes w/o Refunds, Collection Rate was defined: collected less refunds vs. total budgeted is a calculation of adjusted taxes collectible, minus total taxes, thus equals uncollected taxes without refunds*. These figures identify comparisons for total amount budgeted. Another report submitted showed comparison of delinquent properties: delinquencies are trending down each year. Collections are greater than what was budgeted for. In December a reminder notice will be mailed out to property owners that the 2nd installment of property taxes are due January 1, 2017.

6. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT:

Bob Valentine reported on his visit to North East Connecticut Council of Governments (NECCOG). It was interesting to find that this COG runs a transit district, and paramedic service. Their Animal Control Facility was a modern and updated facility. It was interesting to note that they collect more cats than dogs. This visit enables an evaluation to be made of what is needed here in the northwest corner.

State Representative Jay Case has advised Bob Valentine that BNE Energy, LLC. was not successful in their Request for Proposal (RFP) to DEEP to erect Wind Turbines on Torrington Water Company land. This is part of the process by DEEP to have 20% renewable energy by 2020 in Connecticut. In the interim, Bob Valentine e-mailed the *updated* map showing Class 1, 2, 3 Torrington Water Company lands to those residents interested in this proposal. In discussing the updated map with David Battista, Lenard Engineering, it was found the map needs adjustments in the layers. Bob will also be contacting Gregory Zupkus, President of BNE Energy to inquire if they are still proceeding with their project given that BNE was not successful with their proposal to DEEP and PURA.

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A state-wide EOC (Emergency Operations Center) mock disaster exercise will be held on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 in which the town of Goshen will be participating. This exercise will center around a crippling ice-storm throughout the state. This will give Goshen the opportunity to exercise its emergency operation plans.

Garret Harlow, Public Works Supervisor, has presented the need to install larger above ground gasoline storage tank with more capacity. A 1000 gal. gasoline tank would be adequate. With the acquisition of the new Goshen/Cornwall Transit Bus and the forthcoming new ambulance for the Goshen Volunteer Fire Company, this larger capacity tank will be necessary to meet the needs of these vehicles.

The *Goshen Town Annual Report* is in the process of being printed. The town call for the Annual Town Meeting is being put together:

- The Annual Report
- The Audit Report
- Resolution Concerning Town Aid Road Funds
- Stone Wall Boundaries Ordinance
- Election of members to Inland/Wetlands Commission
- Election of member of the Recreation Commission

7. CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

8. OLD BUSINESS:

8a. Appointment to the Conservation Commission:

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to re-appoint **Iain M. Kinsella to the Conservation Commission** beginning 11/1/2016 and expiring 10/31/2020. Voted unanimous.

8b. Town Property – Flora Road: Bob Valentine is awaiting appraisal proposals.

8c. DRAFT – Stone Wall Boundary Ordinance: A draft pertaining to an ordinance addressing highway boundary stone walls along town roads in Goshen was reviewed by the Selectmen. The owner's property where the highway boundary stone wall is to be removed, dismantled, demolished, buried or relocated and setting of concrete or granite highway monuments was reviewed. A discussion was held regarding Section 3(b) "*50% of the permit fee will be refunded upon submission to the Board of Selectmen of a signed and sealed A-2 survey of the highway boundary stone wall removed, dismantled, demolished, buried or relocated and 50% upon monumenting the highway boundary and filing of a Mylar A-2 survey for the highway boundary with the Town of Goshen Town Clerk.*" The ordinance overall was agreed upon by consensus of the Board. Bob Valentine will return this Ordinance to Attorney Roraback for finalization.

8d. PA 490 – Taxation of Open Space: Bob Valentine is awaiting word from Attorney Roraback.

9. See above

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10. Any Other Business: NONE

11. Adjournment:

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide