

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES – Regular Meeting
Town Hall Conference Room
May 12, 2015**

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

OTHERS: Cindy Barrett, Allan Walker, John McKenna

Robert Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED that the minutes of the meeting of May 5, 2015, were approved as submitted. Motion carried.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES: NONE

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to approve the warrant and payroll of May 14, 2015, in the amount of \$33,620.54. It was noted that included in the payroll and warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$21,174.30, and the warrant in the amount of \$12,446.24. Voted unanimous.

The agenda order was adjusted to hear the bid openings: **9.a Bid Opening: Chip Sealing**

Comer Contracting, Inc. 1112 Farmington Avenue Farmington, CT 06032	\$2.18/sq. yard	\$99,691.40 – total bid price
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New England Asphalt Serv., LLC 508 Forest Road Northford, CT 06472	\$1.547/sq. yard	\$70,744.31 – total bid price
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IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to forward the Chip Sealing bids to the Public Works Department and David Battista of Lenard Engineering for their review and recommendation. Voted unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Cindy Barrett is spreading the good word regarding the new Town of Goshen Website.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT:

The auction for the old No. 8 truck (Public Works) was successfully sold for \$5,600 in final bid.

A legal ad run in the local newspaper for a Public Works Employee has rendered several applications. The ad will close May 19, 2015. Review of applications will take place next week, May 19, 2015.

The qualifications of Roger Kane were distributed to the Selectmen for review. Mr. Kane will be hired to oversee the Chip Seal project.

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Bob Valentine reported receipt of the meters for water testing for the three lakes that was requested by Lake Weed Committee to be used in aquatic management.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter from T. Kelly was received along with “poppies” for the Selectmen for Goshen’s Memorial Day Parade.

Bob Valentine reported that he and Dave Battista (Lenard Engineering) would conduct a site visit on Gray Lane to review potential drainage.

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to accept the recommendation for B. Metcalf, Inc., of Salisbury, for the contract to do the Asphalt Shimming. Voted unanimously.

Dexter Kinsella read aloud the Warning for the Annual Budget Meeting to be held on May 27, 2015:

**WARNING
ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING
and
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF GOSHEN**

We, the Selectmen of the town of Goshen, hereby give warning to persons legally entitled to vote thereat that the Annual Budget Meeting and a Special Town Meeting will be held in the cafeteria of Goshen Center School in said Town of Goshen on Wednesday, May 27, 2015, at 8:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

- 1. Upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance, to consider an act upon a budget for the Town of Goshen for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.*
- 2. To elect one member of the Board of Education of Regional School District #6 from the Town of Goshen for the term of three years from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018.*
- 3. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and receive any state or federal grants for the benefit of the Town provided that any appropriation of municipal funds shall be approved in advance by the Board of Finance, and if amount exceeds \$20,000, a town meeting.*

Dated at Goshen, Connecticut, this 12th day of May, 2015.

(Signatures of Robert P. Valentine, Dexter S. Kinsella and Steven M. Romano affixed)

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to forward the WARNING ANNUAL BUDGET for publication in the local newspaper. Voted unanimously.

Recommendations were made for the following appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals:

IN A MOTION made by Robert P. Valentine, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to appoint **Daniel Kobylenski** to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Voted unanimously.

IN A MOTION made by Robert P. Valentine, seconded Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to appoint **Amanda Cannon** to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Voted unanimously.

IN A MOTION made by Robert P. Valentine, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to appoint **Donald Moore** to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Voted unanimously.

IN A MOTION made by Robert P. Valentine, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to appoint **Chris Sanders** as Alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Voted unanimously.

IN A MOTION made by Robert P. Valentine, seconded, by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to appoint **Geogre Szydowski** as Alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Voted unanimously.

A discussion was held on the job description for the Public Works Supervisor.

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to accept the updated job description for Public Works Supervisor as presented. Voted unanimously.

In a discussion on Region 6 BOE's work concerning a report of a Region 6 Task Force addressing diminishing student enrollment, and a public survey in Warren, Morris and Goshen which resulted in 64% of the respondents against regionalization with Litchfield. The Board of Selectmen considered a letter from Chris Sanders, Chairman of Region 6 BOE, to First Selectman Valentine, which referred to reaching out to the Litchfield BOE to move forward with cross registration, special education programs, shared district office personnel, and purchasing instead of regionalizing. Including in his letter, he pointed out that Ed Drapp, Superintendent of Region 6, Deborah Wheeler, former Superintendent of Litchfield Schools had developed over \$7 million in costs that can be shared, rather than be borne separately.

Notwithstanding, the Litchfield Board of Selectman have continued to call for movement to regionalization. Bob Valentine proposed that the Goshen Board of Selectmen send a letter to the Litchfield Board of Selectmen to request they work cooperatively with Region 6 on areas of educational opportunities as well as potential savings per Mr. Sander's letter. Any opportunities in the future can result in working together so that all parties are treated equally in this agreement.

IN A MOTION made by Robert P. Valentine, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to draft a letter to the Litchfield Board of Selectmen that the BOS of Goshen a majority of the BOS of Goshen, urging exploration of cooperative programs on a high school level, pending review of this letter by both Mr. Romano and Mr. Kinsella. Voted unanimously.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS: NONE

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide