

**TOWN OF GOSHEN  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES – Regular Meeting  
Town Hall Conference Room  
May 19, 2015**

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

OTHERS: Cindy Barrett, Allan Walker, John McKenna, Darlene Dimetri, Launa Goslee, Ed Perry

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

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED that the minutes of the meeting of May 12, 2015, were approved as submitted. Voted unanimous.

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 21, 2015, in the amount of \$56,023.79. It was noted that included in the payroll and warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$10,905.88, and the warrant in the amount of \$45,117.91 voted unanimous. (Health benefits, MIRMA, and USA Hauling).

The agenda order was adjusted to accommodate item 9.d – Tax Collector.

Launa Goslee, tax collector, described the steps to be taken for the tax sale (of properties). The tax sale will have Attorney Adam Cohen present.

Ms. Goslee tendered her resignation as Town of Goshen Tax Collector, effective June 30, 2015. Discussion took place on the items that need to be done to prepare for the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2015). It was decided to conduct an “exit audit”, to be done by Sandra Welwood, Town of Goshen’s auditor. The current job description for Tax Collector was reviewed with several modifications/updates made. Tax Collector Certification in the state of Connecticut is preferable. Abilities to operate current PC programs, tax collection software, and continuing education are desired.

Selectman Steven Romano publicly thanked Ms. Goslee for her exemplary service to the town of Goshen.

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to approve the job description for Tax Collector for the Town of Goshen as revised. Voted unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FIRST SELECTMAN’S REPORT:

A letter from the First Selectmen of Goshen will be sent to the Litchfield Board of Selectmen clarifying the status of regionalization of the school systems and outlining ways in which the two districts can exchange students, and educational programs and other cooperative measures.

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CORRESPONDENCE: None

Under item 8.a Gray Lane, Bob Valentine explained the recent review of Gray Lane and proposed improvements to the drainage, done by David Battista of Lenard Engineering. These improvements are to eliminate current "historical runoffs" onto the O'Neill property. The total estimated cost would be \$150,000. After discussion, the Board decided that further action on negotiating a resolution of issues concerning drainage and safety relevant to Mr. O'Neill's unauthorized work on Gray Lane, would not be in the town's best interest. Further, the Board of Selectmen will work through town Counsel to advise Mr. O'Neill that the town intends to keep and maintain the current "historic" water courses on Gray Lane. In addition, the Board will no longer allow Mr. O'Neill to block those water courses. The Board also agreed to install a guardrail in the area of trees cut by Mr. O'Neill, to address a safety issue created by the cutting of those trees.

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was VOTED that Town Aide Road funds be used to install those guardrails on Gray Lane and that town Attorney Chip Roraback inform Mr. O'Neill's attorney, Perely Grimes, Esq., of the Board of Selectmen's decision on drainage. Voted unanimous.

Inasmuch as no bids were received for the installation of a culvert on East Hyerdale Road, Bob Valentine will pursue potential solutions to getting contractors to submit bids.

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to accept the recommendation of the Public Works Supervisor to contract with New England Asphalt, Inc. to perform the work for chip sealing. Voted unanimous.

Bloodborne Pathogens will be placed on the agenda for the meeting of June 9, 2015.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to move into executive session at 6:25 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing applications for the position of Public Works Employee, with Edward Perry, Public Works Supervisor invited into this session. Voted unanimous.

The Board of Selectmen moved into open session at 7:15 p.m. Not action taken.

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide