

TOWN OF GOSHEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES – Regular Meeting
Town Hall Conference Room
June 30, 2015

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

OTHERS: Allan Walker, Cindy Barrett

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 June 23, 2015, were approved as submitted. Voted unanimous.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES: Work on Shelbourne Drive is progressing; no problems.

IN A MOTION made by Robert P. Valentine, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to approve the warrant and payroll of July 2, 2015, in the amount of \$24,465.52. It was noted that included in the payroll and warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$12,254.22 and the warrant in the amount of \$12,211.30. Voted unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Allan Walker commented on the State take-over of the Winsted School District.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT:

Bob Valentine reported that the public meeting regarding the aquatic conditions of the three lakes in Goshen, Tyler Lake, Dog Pond and Westside Pond was well attended. Dr. George Knoecklein, of *Northeast Aquatic Research*, gave a presentation to the attendees on the management of invasive aquatic plant species. Dr. Knoecklein concluded with possible plans to move forward with these endeavors.

Placed before each Selectman was a copy of a *Task Order* authored by David Battista of Lenard Engineering, Inc. This document outlined the work scope of necessary engineering services for the design and permitting of gully restoration along common property lines on Shelbourne Drive. The Board will review and discuss the proposal at a later date.

Lenard Engineering, Inc. submitted very moderate increases in services comparable to other companies providing engineering services. Additionally, Lenard Engineering has agreed to hold their fees for two (2) years.

Several roads in Goshen showed the job of chip sealing to be excellent. The final process of sweeping will now be done.

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Roger Kane will once again be hired to oversee the reclaiming and paving of Shelbourne Drive. S & S Asphalt, Inc. will grind the road and grade; Waters Construction, Inc. will do the paving.

A brief discussion was held on an inquiry from a resident on Sharon Turnpike, to purchase a small lot on Flora Road. This lot is owned by the Town of Goshen. The conclusion of the Selectmen was not to conduct any sale at this time.

The installation of the guard rail on Gray Lane has been completed.

In his investigation of other small towns in the area, Bob Valentine found that anywhere from \$20K to \$100K was the amount of bonding carried for their tax collectors. Hence, a bond for Goshen's new tax collector is in the amount of \$100K. This will take effect as of July 1, 2015. The Selectmen agreed this amount was adequate.

A draft copy of *Town of Goshen, Fiscal Policies and Procedures* was distributed to each Selectman. The Selectmen will review this manual for any changes/questions before a final edition is completed.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Under item 9.a- Year End Encumbrances, Bob Valentine explained the need to encumber the cost for two projects that need to be done. Bids are currently being received for the cleaning of the carpeting in all of the offices at Town Hall. Additionally, the Crab Apple trees on the grounds of the Town Hall are in need of pruning.

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to authorize the First Selectman to encumber from the Town Office Building line of the budget for the month of July, line items 5246-61 in the sum of \$2,655 and line item 5250-61 in the sum of \$1303 in order to clean the carpets at Town Hall and prune the Crab Trees on the property of the Town Hall. Voted unanimous.

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to amend the agenda to add item 10.a –under Any Other Business, Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. Voted unanimous

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to move into executive session at 5:40 p.m. Voted unanimous.

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The Board of Selectmen returned to open session at 6:12 p.m.

No action was taken.

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m. Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide