

**TOWN OF GOSHEN  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES – Regular Meeting  
Town Hall Conference Room  
July 14, 2015**

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

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 July 7, 2015, were approved as submitted. Voted unanimous.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES: Work on Shelbourne Drive is progressing.

The tranquilizer gun has been given to Rich Gargan, Animal Control Officer for the State of Connecticut.

Joe Manley, Building Department, has agreed to assist with the few alterations that may be necessary to renovate the second floor of the Town Hall for other offices. (NWHCOG former occupants of the second floor have relocated to another building.) Installation of an elevator is being considered for added accessibility. Grants that may be available for the elevator will be looked into.

The crack sealing project has just been completed.

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was VOTED to approve the warrant and payroll of July 16, 2015, in the amount of \$89,450.46. It was noted that included in the payroll and warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$17,215.87 and the warrant in the amount of \$72,234.59 Voted unanimous. In this warrant it was noted that the beginning of the new fiscal year began as of July 1, 2015, with up-front payments for computer support; costs for cable guard rails on Gray Lane.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT:

Currently Shelbourne Drive is undergoing a reclaiming process. This task is anticipated to be complete by July 15, 2015. Actual paving will begin next week.

Cleaning of the catch basins with the Public Works Co-Operative Vac truck has begun. This will keep the sediment out of our lakes.

A small lot located on Tyler Lake, and owned by the town of Goshen, appears to have been used by an abutting property owner. The three Selectmen agreed to have the lot surveyed, and monuments put in place.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to add item 9.a under New Business: ***Nutmeg Network Resolution***. Voted unanimous.

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

Under Old Business, a consensus of the Board of Selectmen agreed that the *Town of Goshen Fiscal Policies and Procedures Manual* will be forwarded to the Board of Finance for their review. The Town Clerk is amenable to more frequent reconciling of the cash receipt drawer. A copy of the *Manual* will be sent to Allan Walker, Chairman.

In reviewing the *Task Order* for Shelbourne Drive drainage, it was believed that an Army Corp of Engineers' general permit may not be necessary. An Inland/Wetlands permit will be necessary.

Bob Valentine reported on his continuing efforts to have FEMA correct the errors they made when designating the flood plain (in the Canterbury Court area). The flood plain elevations were figured incorrectly back in the 1970's. Consequently, home owners in that area have been penalized with payments of exorbitant rates for flood insurance. Bob Valentine strongly urged U.S. Representative Elizabeth Esty personally visit with all those constituents in this area advising them of the corrections that will be made through an accurate survey by FEMA. In addition, Selectman Dexter Kinsella will write a letter to Representative Esty urging her to take a personal hand in remedies and corrections that are long overdue.

In follow-up with the State Office of Policy and Management (OPM) with their inquiry as to when the town of Goshen anticipates hook up to the *Nutmeg Network*, a mandatory resolution was passed at this meeting to confirm the time needed for Goshen to connect with (VOIP) Voice Over Internet Protocol. The confirmation contained in this resolution will ensure the grant monies given to Goshen will be retained for this connection.

### ***RESOLUTION OF ENDORSEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION***

- 1. The anticipated time for completion is one year (12 months - to July 14, 2016) with connection by VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol).*
- 2. Resolution of Endorsement and Authorization*  
*Be it resolved that the Board of Selectmen for the town of Goshen, convened on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 and adopted a resolution by a vote of 3, unanimous, which endorsed the Regional Performance Incentive Program referenced in Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-124s, (2015 Supplement).*

*In addition, the Board of Selectmen, town of Goshen has authorized First Selectman, Robert P. Valentine to act on this endorsement by signing all necessary actions related to this proposal to enter into a binding agreement with the Office of Policy and Management according to the terms of the RPI grant program.*

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*Robert P. Valentine, First Selectman  
Town of Goshen*

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to adopt the **Resolution of Endorsement and Authorization** for the State Office of Policy and Management (OPM) and forwarded to the OPM to retain the grant (\$19,900) to be allocated for the purpose of the Nutmeg Network connection for the town of Goshen. Voted unanimous.

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to move into executive session at 5:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. Voted unanimous.

The Board returned into open session at 5:50 p.m. No action was taken.

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide

