

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES – Regular Meeting
Town Hall Conference Room
July 21, 2015**

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

OTHERS: Allan Walker, Cindy Barrett

Robert Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED that the minutes of the meeting of July 14, 2015, were approved as submitted. Voted unanimous.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES: Dexter Kinsella will make a personal visit with those home owners in the Canterbury Court area that have been adversely affected by the incorrect flood zone base elevations calculated by FEMA. After gathering of the facts and consequences, he will communicate with US Representative Elizabeth Esty for remedy.

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was VOTED to approve the warrant and payroll of July 23, 2015, in the amount of \$66,751.17. It was noted that included in the payroll and warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$26,972.31 and the warrant in the amount of \$39,778.86. Voted unanimous. In this warrant payments were noted to USA Recycling and Sterling Benefits.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT:

Bob Valentine reported that technology now exists for improved identification of zone A flood zones and, as such FEMA should update and revise the Zone A's for Goshen.

Recently passed legislation that requires Councils of Government to hire an *Election Monitor* is garnering more attention of area CEO's; this is an unnecessary, unwanted, mandate where no one was consulted beforehand. A consensus is growing that this legislation needs to be rescinded or modified substantially.

Work on Shelbourne Drive is being monitored by Garret Harlow, Public Works Supervisor, where he reports that work is going very well.

Selectman Steven Romano visited the lot located on Flora Road, (Tyler Lake), owned by the town of Goshen, and concurred with the site evaluation done previously in that it needs to be surveyed. Ron McCarthy will survey the property and work with Public Works to place monuments at the corners. Cost for the surveying is \$900.

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Bob Valentine is exploring surveying costs for the drainage work that needs to be done (as called out in the *Task Order*) on Shelbourne Drive. Berkshire Engineering has done surveying on one of the lots that the drainage passes through and it is believed they would more than likely be able to give the town the best pricing for additional surveying and topography necessary to design the project. Bob Valentine will confirm and get back to the Board of Selectmen.

Written confirmation from the State Department of Transportation has been received that the towns of Goshen and Cornwall have been awarded the grant monies for the purchase of a handicapped van (Section 5310 grant). The bid process for the purchase of the vehicle will commence in the fall. The grant will provide funding for 80% of the purchase price of the van, leaving the balance of 20% to be funded by both Goshen and Cornwall. Goshen and Cornwall's portion is approximately \$12,800. Bob Valentine has begun seeking additional grant monies from local foundations in the hopes of defraying more of the cost of this purchase.

There are vacancies on the Conservation Commission that need to be filled. Anyone interested in serving on this Commission should contact any of the three Selectmen.

Bob Valentine reported that the Library will solicit the Board of Finance for funds to purchase a DVD repair machine. This item will come under capital expenditure.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

Very few modifications were suggested for the *Fiscal Policies and Procedures Manual*. Allan Walker, Chairman of the Board of Finance, stated that work that was required to pull this magnitude of information together was very commendable. Generalization of the "position" that performs various tasks should be used in the descriptions rather than specific names. Consideration should be given also to identification of specific software, preferring to use generic identification, should the software usage be updated in the future. The Board discussed options for handling cash receipts by the tax collector as part of the policy.

A brief discussion took place on assigning a specific dollar amount to funds needed to be taken from TAR for the reclaiming and paving of Shelbourne Drive.

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to correct the encumber line number 5340-02 Crack Sealing to read \$10,775. Voted unanimous.

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to add to the agenda item 9.a – Tax Collector Report. Voted unanimous.

In reviewing the Tax Collector's Report for June 30, 2015, it was noted the positive collection rate- collected less refunds vs. total budgeted showed 101.86%. Be it stated the Tax Collector's Report for June 30, 2015 was received and reviewed.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to codify the exact amount applied to TAR for the costs of the guard rail wires used on Gray Lane, which is \$15,000.

Bob Valentine reported that the full amount has been received for the cost of damages done on West Hyderdale Road.

Selectman Dexter Kinsella inquired as to the progress of the repaving of the sidewalk/path under the canopy at the Goshen Center School.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide