

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES – Regular Meeting
Town Hall Conference Room
September 29, 2015**

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

OTHERS: Allan Walker, Cindy Barrett, Jim Bernard, Karen Fletcher, Tony DeMarco

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

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was VOTED that the minutes of the meeting of September 22, 2015 were approved as submitted. Voted unanimous.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES: NONE

IN A MOTION made by Robert P. Valentine, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to approve the warrant and payroll of October 1, 2015, in the amount of \$23,878.36. It was noted that included in the payroll and warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$10,564.80 and the warrant in the amount of \$13,313.56. Voted unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Karen Fletcher, who resides on 90 Bentley Circle in Goshen, brought to the attention of the Board an issue she described as excessive noise from barking dogs from a neighbor. Ms. Fletcher has contacted the ACO, (Animal Control Officer) but has received no satisfaction. Bob Valentine will contact the Animal Control Officer to review the issue.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT:

The W.P.C.A called a meeting on Thursday, September 24, 2015 wherein new officers were elected. For comparison, the water pollution control plans from nearby municipalities Harwinton, Burlington and Torrington, were distributed to the members. Goshen is the public watershed designated for Litchfield, Torrington and Waterbury. Richard Reis, from the Woodridge Lake Sewer District, was invited to update the members on their activities.

The final report from the town's new auditor, Sandra E. Welwood, LLC, has been received. Ms. Welwood has submitted her comments. A carry-over of \$165,000 was acknowledged. The final report will be submitted to the Board of Finance for their special meeting on October 7, 2015.

Bob Valentine reported that a total of 35 applications were received for the Recreation Director Position. Several meetings are scheduled for interviews.

Bob Valentine reported that boundary monuments have been installed on the town owned property on Flora Rd. on Friday, September 25, 2015. Bob will visit the site to ensure the lot has been cleared.

Bob Valentine attended a meeting in Plantsville with C.O.S.T. (Council of Small Towns). He advised that new legislation has been mandated that public works projects using state funds in excess of \$50,000 must set aside 25% to small businesses and minority companies.

Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities will oversee all necessary

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provisions are followed closely. Both Bob Valentine and Garret Harlow will attend a workshop for additional information regarding this statute.

Additionally, Bob learned that effective in 2018, no municipalities can raise their budget by more than 2.5% without being charged a penalty by the State. This 2.5% *combines* both town and school district budgets within said town.

Bob Valentine was pleased to report that the *Fiscal Policies Manual* has been approved by the Board of Finance.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

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 5:45 p.m. Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide