

TOWN OF GOSHEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES – Regular Meeting
Town Hall Conference Room
January 26, 2016

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

OTHERS: Allan Walker

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

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2016 meeting as submitted. Voted unanimous.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES: Dexter Kinsella requested to view the feasibility study and design proposal for the Animal Shelter when they are available.

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to approve the warrant and payroll of January 28, 2016 in the amount of \$71,048.28. It was noted included in the warrant was the payroll in the amount of \$24,816.97, and the warrant in the amount of \$46,231.31. Voted unanimous. Items contained in this warrant showed the expense for Employee Health Benefits from Sterling and costs from MIRA (tipping fees).

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT:

Bob Valentine reported that an RFP is being created for the curbside recycling pick-up in Goshen. Tentatively incoming bids would be due on Tuesday, March 1, 2016. The number of service recipients may have to be adjusted. An increase is anticipated from MIRA (tipping fees).

Bob is completing the report due to DEEP on the distribution of funding that was received (\$4,000) for the grant for weed control.

Bob reported on the issues that were discussed among the member towns of Northwest Hills Council of Governments (NWCOG) and Connecticut legislators that was held at the UCONN Torrington campus. The Council members also proposed to the legislators in attendance, that prevailing wage rates should not apply to new projects, or re-hab projects costing less than \$1million dollars. Another issue of importance was the Municipal Spending Cap that limits municipalities to a 2.5% budget increase in any given year; this cap limits municipalities from providing many services that residents may want/need.

Bob Valentine along with Selectman Steven Romano attend a workshop that was held in Kent that centered on "Municipalities Ethics". The topics covered statutory requirements and case law.

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Bob Valentine reported that the boiler located at Town Hall was found to have a leak between two sections. Bob will gather more information as to the repairs needed and the costs therein.

The three Selectmen reviewed proposed construction drawings to remedy a drainage problem on Shelbourne Drive. Both David Battista from Lenard Engineering, and Garret Harlow, Public Works Supervisor worked on the best strategies to address the problem. Richard Reis will provide input to this project also. Further information will be provided regarding details of materials and layout of the reconstruction.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

8a. Appointments – Bob Valentine reported that Garret Harlow has resigned his position as Planning & Zoning Alternate. Replacement appointees will be brought before this Board.

8b. Budgets 2016-2017- Bob Valentine reported he met with the Fire Commissioner and reclaiming of the parking lot at the Fire House site was discussed.

Bob met with the Recreation Commission regarding their budget. All members were receptive to showing justification for line item requests in their budget building. In his meeting with the Library Board, the same suggestions were made. Bob also urged these departments to look at their 5-year Capital Non-Recurring line as they move proactive in their projections.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lisa Barber, Assistant Tax Assessor, will be leaving to take a new position. IN A MOTION made by Robert P. Valentine, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, the Board VOTED to accept her resignation with regret and thanks her for the fine job she did in her duties as Assistant Tax Assessor. Voted unanimous.

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to add to the agenda under Any Other Business, item a. Executive Session for the discussion of a personnel issue. Voted unanimous.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to move into Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. Voted unanimous.

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The Board returned into open session at 6:10 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 6:11 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide