

TOWN OF GOSHEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES – Regular Meeting
Town Hall Conference Room
February 9, 2016

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

OTHERS: Allan Walker, Nanci Howard

Robert P. Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2016 meeting as submitted. Voted unanimous.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES: NONE

IN A MOTION made by seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to add item 9b Housatonic Valley Coalition Against Substance Abuse – Allison Fulton. Voted unanimous.

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to approve the warrant and payroll of February 11, 2016 in the amount of \$65,347.97. It was noted included in the warrant was the payroll in the amount of \$24,204.74 and the warrant in the amount of \$41,143.23 Voted unanimous. Items contained in this warrant showed the expense for winter salt and invoice from USA Hauling.

Ms. Allison Fulton, Executive Director of HVCASA located in Bethel, Connecticut gave a brief presentation on the services and goals of this organization. Beginning in 1989, HVCASA serves 22 towns in Connecticut. This non-profit organization assesses substance abuse and mental health prevention treatment needs at the local level. She has requested to have part-time use of office space at Goshen Town Hall, to better serve the towns in the northwest corner of the state. Bob Valentine will have a formal rental agreement drawn up according.

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to allow HVCASA to use office space on the second floor of the Town Hall. Voted unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Allan Walker commented on the Region 6 School District budget.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT:

Bob Valentine reported that last year, Dime Oil gave the town of Goshen very favorable pricing for heating oil, gasoline and diesel fuel. Dime Oil purchases their fuel through contracts from their suppliers. A discussion took place on the Liquidated Damages for underage on fixed price purchase of heating oil as of 12/31/2015 emanating from the plunging oil prices, supply and demand and the unusually warm, snowless winter. The Selectmen will review the previous contract and pricing information.

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Bob Valentine reported on the State Budget Proposal as it affects ECS grant funding and personal property tax. Bob Valentine noted the town grand list increase of (.3%).

Nanci Howard, Registrar of Voters, reported on the submittal of her department's budget. She gave a brief overview of several new items contained therein i.e., mandatory education/workshops.

CORRESPONDENCE: Bob Valentine received a letter from the Planning and Zoning Commission outlining 8-24 Referral – *Woodridge Lake Sewer District Construction of Wastewater Transmission System from WLSD's Pollution Control Facility to the City of Torrington Municipal Sewer System*. The Commission voted unanimously, pursuant to Sectuib8-24 (CGS), to issue a favorable report to the Board of Selectmen regarding the proposed wastewater transmission system from the Woodridge Lake Sewer District's Water Pollution Control Facility to the existing Torrington municipal sewer system.

Item 8b – Under Budgets 2016-2017, Bob Valentine reported on creating a new budget in anticipation of the service from having a Handicapped Van for seniors in Goshen.

Other budgets that were reviewed/discussed:

Board of Assessors, Department 31
Building Department, Department 05
Planning & Zoning, Department 41
Civil Preparedness, Department 29
Selectman, Department 01

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to accept as presented the aforementioned budgets and forward said budgets to the Board of Finance for their consideration. Voted unanimous.

Under New Business, 9a, Ordinance Title-27 Permit Fees, Bob Valentine explained the process of acquiring the Cloud-based, PermitLink Services Contract for the Land Use and Building Department. This software will provide new, streamlined process for land use permits and building permits and easy access to information. However, this change will require an increase in permit fees.

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to add a \$10. *process fee* to all building permits. This \$10 permit fee represents the amount that the town will be charged (by PermitLink) for each permit *from the Cloud-based system*.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Steven Romano gave an updated report on the street lights in Goshen. The majority of those previously listed as "out" (no light) have been repaired. Bob Valentine will contract *Eversource* to have the others that are "out" to be repaired. The street light in proximity to the ice-skating rink, which may be owned by Region 6 School District, was discussed. Suggested was a brighter light.

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IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide