

TOWN OF GOSHEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES – Regular Meeting
Town Hall Conference Room
March 22, 2016

PRESENT: Robert P. Valentine, Dexter S. Kinsella,

OTHERS: Allan Walker, Cindy Barrett

EXCUSED: Steven M. Romano

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was VOTED to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2016 meeting as submitted. Voted unanimous.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES: Bob Valentine explained the formal, legal process for discontinuing a road in the town of Goshen.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND WARRANT: March 24, 2016

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was VOTED to approve the warrant and payroll of March 24, 2016 in the amount of \$54,242.10. It was noted included in the warrant was the payroll in the amount of \$21,129.03 and the warrant in the amount of \$33,113.07. Voted unanimous. Items contained in this warrant showed the expense for road salt at Public Works.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT:

Bob Valentine reported on his travel along with Gordon Ridgway, First Selectman of Cornwall, to the Northwest Transit District to garner specifications needed for a handicapped and senior citizens transportation bus. Another visit was made to Conn. DOT to place an order for the bus (13 passengers, with handicapped access). Goshen is the lead municipality for this endeavor. The total cost of the bus is \$62,262. The grant will pay for 80%, \$49,809.60 leaving a balance of \$12,252.40 to be shared by Goshen and Cornwall - \$6,226.20 each.

There are also operating grants that are available that require dollar-for-dollar match either in direct costs or in-kind services available to the town of Goshen as well, approximately \$25,000. The operating grants would be handled through the Northwest Transit District.

Bob presented an "initial" year-end *budget estimate*. Some factors, at this stage of the budget process, points to beginning the next fiscal year in a favorable status. The unusually warm winter months rendered Public Works with few snow removals, less overtime, and full salt/sand barns.

Additionally, fuel oil and electricity price estimates look very positive.

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Bob Valentine reported that Garret Harlow, Public Works Supervisor, will assist Lida Exstein in creating a bid document for weed removal from Dog Pond. While Ms. Exstein factored in estimated volunteered donated dollars from Dog Pond residents to help defray the cost of this project, additional money would be needed to meet the full amount required for this task. This subject will be discussed at a Town Meeting in that it appears that the Board of Finance will be asked to subsidize the additional costs. At an upcoming Lake Weed Meeting, a discussion will take place to ascertain what plans are in place for all the three lakes in Goshen to process weed removal; what does the town anticipate for contributing to future weed control of these lakes.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

8a. Appointments

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was VOTED to appoint Laura Lemieux for Alternate on the Planning and Zoning Commission with a term to expire on November 7, 2017. Voted unanimous.

IN A MOTION made by Robert P. Valentine, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to appoint David Rosaler to the Cable Television Advisory Council of Litchfield, with a term to expire on June 30, 2017. Voted unanimous.

8b. Budgets – Final series of department budgets will be forthcoming. Public Works has advised that tree removal will be highlighted in their budget.

8c. Selbourne Drive Drainage Project – Dexter Kinsella, Bob Valentine and Steven Romano agreed that the original design submitted by David Battista, of Lenard Engineering, to incorporate a “boulder cascade” design is too expensive. Therefore, Bob Valentine will consult with Mr. Battista to redesign this portion of the project using the standard rip-rap.

8d. Bob Valentine and Tom Farrell, Recycling Coordinator, reviewed the Recycling Bid submitted by USA Hauling, Inc. for the recycling pick-up and scrap metal and tire pickup. Both men came forward with the recommendation to contract with USA Hauling, Inc. on their 5-year contract offer of \$87,966/yr.

Year 1 (2016-2017) \$84,864.

Year 2 (2017-2018) \$86,400

Year 3 (2018-2019) \$87,966

Year 4 (2019-2020) \$87,966

Year 5 (2020-2021) \$87,966.

Additionally, the town will require a bi-annual count of pick-ups to ascertain the recycling efforts being made by Goshen residents, as the resident count increases in the summer months.

IN A MOTION made by Robert P. Valentine, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to move forward with a five (5) year contract for recycling with USA Hauling, Inc., contingent upon formal contract review. Voted unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE (Westside Pond grant will move to the meeting of March 29, 2016.)

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

IN A MOTION made by Robert Valentine, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide