

TOWN OF GOSHEN  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
**MINUTES – Regular Meeting**  
Town Hall Conference Room  
**April 12, 2016**

PRESENT: Robert P. Valentine, Steven M. Romano, Dexter S. Kinsella  
OTHERS: Allan Walker, Garret Harlow, Virginia Perry

Robert P. Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was VOTED to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2016 meeting as submitted. Dexter S. Kinsella abstained. Motion carried.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES: A brief discussion took place on truck and equipment maintenance.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND WARRANT: April 14, 2016

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to approve the warrant and payroll of April 14, 2016 in the amount of \$1,241,711.20. It was noted included in the warrant was the payroll in the amount of \$25,793.61 and the warrant in the amount of \$1,215,917.59. Voted unanimous. Items in this warrant showed the expense for 1/6<sup>th</sup> installment for Region 6, new computer for the fire company.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT:

Bob Valentine reported that the State legislature, in seeking ways to reduce the budget deficit, is targeting the ECS (Education Cost Sharing) for reductions to the municipalities. Bob has been in contact with Representative Jay Case and administrators with CCM to garner information. Goshen appears on the list for \$98,000 reduction in Education Cost Sharing. This bill is out of Committee; Bob will follow this, awaiting feedback from Representative Case.

Bob Valentine attended the public hearing on the Region 6 School District. There were no controversies; the Board of Education put forth an overall budget increase of 1.95%. The proposed combined assessment is .88% which represents a \$61,740 increase for Goshen.

Bob Valentine is working on easements from property owners on Shelbourne Drive. This will enable the drainage project to move forward.

Bob Valentine and Virginia Perry are producing updated spreadsheets for costs for employee benefits. These calculations will produce the actual costs per hour, per employee.

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The majority of old stone walls found on properties in Goshen were constructed as monuments to identify the boundary line between the owners' property and the town property line. A property owner in Goshen was found to be taking down an old wall on his property without the formal survey information needed to accurately specify his property lines. In speaking with the property owner, Bob Valentine will work with the parties to find a way to continue to identify the property line without having the stone wall in place. Additionally, the Board of Selectmen discussed looking into what Harwinton has for an ordinance concerning stone walls so there would be a more uniform process to deal with these issues in the future.

Garret Harlow, Public Works Supervisor, and David Battista (Lenard Engineering) have been reviewing the *10 Year Road Plan* that identifies those roads in Goshen that are need of repair per current conditions. Some of those roads that will be treated with shimming and chip seal are West Hyderdale Drive, Bentley Circle, Buford Court, Sutton Court, Weldon Road, Equestrian Drive. Milton Road is scheduled for substantial work in the summer of 2107.

Also receiving remedial repairs this summer will be drainage areas on Cottage Grove Road followed by paving; Mill Street will be reclaimed and paved.

Money for the repair of the parking lot at the Fire House will come from Capital and Non-Recurring major road projects.

At this time the BOS addressed item 9a. Trailer Bid Openings:

**TRAILER BIDS**  
**Received April 12, 2016**

Stephen L. Green Trailers 74 Squankum Yellowbrook Rd. Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727	\$16,500 In stock
H O Penn Machinery 225 Richard Street Newington, CT 06111	\$19,800 120 days Delivery
The Trailer Depot 1037 Middletown Ave. Northford, CT 06472	\$17,994.00 In stock
Tyler Equipment Corporation 1980 Berlin Turnpike Berlin, CT 06037	\$2,1500 In stock
The W.I Clark Company 30 Barnes Industrial Park Road Wallingford, CT 06492	\$19,885 6 weeks delivery

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IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to receive the Trailer bids and forward onto Garret Harlow, Public Works Supervisor, for review and recommendation. Voted unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

8a. Budgets:

Town Office Building, Dept. 61

Recreation Commission, Dept. 22

The lines were reviewed and adjustments discussed.

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to receive and forward the Town Office Bldg. and Recreation Commission budgets onto the Board of Finance for their consideration.

8b. State Budgets (Covered in First Selectman's Report)

At this time, Garret Harlow, Public Works Supervisor, submitted his recommendation to accept the Trailer Bid from *Trailer Depot* in the amount of \$17,994, with a trade-in value of \$1,250.

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to accept the recommendation from Public Works Supervisor, Garret Harlow, to award the bid for Trailer to *Trailer Depot* in the amount of \$17,994 with a trade-in value of \$1250. Voted unanimous.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to accept the recommendation of Public Works Supervisor, Garret Harlow, to award the Chip Seal bid to *New England Asphalt Services of Northford, CT*, at \$1.57 per square yard.

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, the Board of Selectmen VOTED to offer their profound appreciation to Joan Lang for her many years of service and dedication to the town of Goshen. Voted unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide