

TOWN OF GOSHEN  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
**MINUTES – Regular Meeting**  
Town Hall Conference Room  
**May 10, 2016**

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

OTHERS: Allan Walker, Cindy Barrett

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2016 meeting as submitted. Voted unanimous.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES: None

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND WARRANT: May 12, 2016. IN A MOTION made by Steve Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to approve the warrant and payroll of May 12, 2016 in the amount of \$58,568.79. It was noted included in the warrant was the payroll in the amount of \$23,023.49 and the warrant in the amount of \$35,545.30. Voted unanimous. Items included in this warrant were payments for crack seal and gravel in preparation for upcoming road repairs.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT:

Bob Valentine presented the rental agreement for the *Housatonic Valley Coalition on Substance Abuse* (use of the office on the second floor of Town Hall). The consensus of all three Selectmen was the agreement was satisfactory and to move forward with its execution.

Bob Valentine presented the Recycling Contract received back from George Roberts, of USA Hauling & Recycling. Both Bob Valentine and Tom Farrell will meet with George Roberts to discuss several very minor changes regarding the 96 gallon trash bins and recycling of car batteries.

The *PermitLink* software installation has been done and beginning steps to process all building permits and planning and zoning permits electronically have begun. A computer has been set up in the Town Hall lobby with instructions for the permit applicants.

Bob Valentine reminded everyone that the Public Hearing for the presentation of the Annual Town Budget will be held Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room at Town Hall.

Bob Valentine received a preliminary State of Connecticut budget proposal from Representative Jay Case. Some cuts may be restored; other areas previously untouched will be considered for decrease; a special session for the state senate will take place Thursday, May 12, 2016. One item of particular interest included in the budget was an allocation of approximately \$42,000 for the annual Litchfield Jazz Festival, yet the ECS (Education Cost Sharing) funding was reduced substantially. Goshen's ECS funding was eliminated in the Governor's budget proposal.

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IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to add item 9c – Eagle Scout Award under New Business. Voted unanimous.

The Board of Selectmen was pleased to sign a formal *Citation* for Trevor J. Zeiner on being awarded the honor of Eagle Scout, Troop 44. An Eagle Scout Court of honor will take place on May 21, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Goshen. The Selectmen plan on attending this ceremony to present their citation with their sincerest congratulations for this outstanding achievement.

In line with the clearing, warm weather, the Goshen Public Works Department has begun many road projects planned for Goshen – drainage, reclaiming, paving. They have also begun the work for repaving the Fire House parking lot.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

### OLD BUSINESS:

8a. Appointments

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to appoint James F. Johnson IV for another term on the Zoning Board of Appeals expiring on April 23, 2018. Voted unanimous.

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to reappoint Mark E. Beeman for another term as Alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals, expiring April 23, 2018. Voted unanimous.

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to add item 8b under Old Business, Budget. Voted unanimous.

The good news shared amongst the Board members is that the 2016-2017 Goshen Budget is minus -2.09% percentage difference over current year. This budget contains 67% for the Region 6 Budget; 27% for the Town Operating Budget and 6% for the Town Capital Budget; Capital and Nonrecurring shows an \$83,033 reduction. Town operating budget shows an increase of \$7,470, Reginal District 6 an increase of \$61,740

### NEW BUSINESS:

9a Blood Borne Pathogens – tabled to next week's agenda.

A Special Event Permit Application was submitted by the *Northwest Connecticut Chamber of Commerce* to hold a **Family Festival and Business Expo**, Saturday, June 4, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The appropriate legal ad will be place in the local newspaper accordingly.

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to add to item 9 – New Business, 9d – *Title 59A Fee Ordinance for Goshen Planning and Zoning Commission, Inland Wetlands Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals*. Voted unanimous.

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To amend the Fee Ordinance for Goshen Planning and Zoning Commission, Inland Wetlands Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals adopted on April 9, 2007 by making the following change to add: Permit Processing Fee of \$10.00 - See attached.

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to accept the FEE ORDINANCE FOR GOSHEN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (Title 59A) as presented and forward said Amendment to the people of Goshen at the Town Meeting. See attached.

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to add to item 9 – New Business, 9e ***Call for the Annual Budget Meeting and Special Town Meeting***. Voted unanimous.

Selectman Dexter S. Kinsella read the entire contents of the *Call* aloud. **See attached.**

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to accept the legal *Call* for the Annual Budget Meeting as presented. Voted unanimous.

All three Selectmen signed the legal *Call for the Budget Town Meeting* accordingly for execution.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

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 unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide

**Enclosures**