

TOWN OF GOSHEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES – Regular Meeting
Selectman’s Office
August 2, 2016

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

OTHERS: None

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 26, 2016 as submitted.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES: Garret Harlow, Supervisor of Public Works, is in the process of reviewing the bids for the Weed Harvesting at Dog Pond. There are some cost initiatives that favor the town contained in the proposal from Aquatic Analyst, Inc. Final recommendation will be forthcoming.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND WARRANT: 8/4/16

IN A MOTION made by Robert P. Valentine, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to approve the warrant and payroll of August 4, 2016 in the amount of \$51,840.83. It was noted included in the warrant was the payroll in the amount of \$17,636.51 and the warrant in the amount of \$34,204.32. Voted unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FIRST SELECTMAN’S REPORT: Bob Valentine reported the good news that the new Handicapped Van for Goshen & Cornwall may be delivered sometime between mid and the end of August. Bob Valentine and Cornwall First Selectman, Gordon Ridgway, will be meeting and taking input from Debbie DePietro, Goshen Agent for the Elderly, and the Northwest Transit District, for coordinating plans and developing schedules to provide optimum usage by both towns.

The drainage project on Shelbourne Drive has begun.

The residents at West Side Pond have taken the initial steps for legal identification as a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit organization (taxpayer exemption). This will enable them to solicit funds, and use other means to finance the harvesting of weeds and implement other aquatic improvements.

Bob Valentine was pleased to report positive forward movement of the local businesses to form a cohesive body to be recognized – **Goshen Business Circle**. This central business organization will look for ways to encourage residents to shop locally, communicate and stimulate economic growth. Information and advertisements of their activities will be displayed in *Town Topics* and other advertising venues.

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A preliminary engineering study being done by David Battista, Lenard Engineering, will be a valuable reference going forward regarding the topography, right-of-ways and other town property guidelines on Gray Lane.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter was received from Walter and Henrietta Horvay regarding town property on Flora Road. A consensus of the Selectmen was to have First Selectman, Bob Valentine investigate the issue and respond accordingly.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

9.a – Special Event Ordinance After discussion of the process required under the Ordinance, it was the consensus of the Board to ask the Goshen Ag Society to inform and provide the applicant obtaining a rental agreement (for events to be held at Goshen Fair Grounds) the following. A check-off list of “to dos” before the *rental is completed* may be put in place to ensure that all the legally required permits beginning with the Special Events Permit, along with tent permits, etc. are fully executed with the town hall, as an initial step in completing the rental process.

9.b – Library Clerk Position Bob Valentine has spoken to Chairman, Pat Reilly regarding this position and it will be addressed.

9.c – Recommendation – New Public Works Truck – Garret Harlow, Public Works Supervisor, has recommended to the Board of Selectmen a *Freightliner* truck, from under the State Bid, and also another bid for a body model TARCO, T-3000 to be purchased by the town of Goshen.

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to approve the purchase of the *Freightliner* truck, under State bid, and also the bid of body model TARCO, T-3000, for the Public Works Department. Voted unanimous.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Bob Valentine reported that the *Tyler Lake Protective Association, Inc.* has requested an early “draw-down”, just after Labor Day this year, for the residents to use this time to repair their lake front walls; weed pulling campaign along the shorelines. The Board of Selectmen has agreed and will have Garret Harlow, Public Works Supervisor, facilitate the draw-down.

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. for the discussion of a personnel matter. Voted unanimously.

The Board returned to open session at 6:30 p.m. No action was taken.

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman’s Aide