

TOWN OF GOSHEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES – Regular Meeting
September 27, 2016

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

OTHERS: Allan Walker; Chris Sanders; Simon Ellis; Tonya Petruff, All Habitat Services, LLC

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was VOTED to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 20, 2016 as submitted. Motion carried with Steven M. Romano abstaining.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES: Addressing the Democratic Town Committee, Dexter S. Kinsella, put the notice out for volunteers for vacant position on several Boards and Commissions.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND WARRANT: 9/29/16

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was VOTED to approve the warrant and payroll of September 29, 2016 in the amount of \$134,025.24. It was noted included in the warrant was the payroll in the amount of \$11,642.67 and the warrant in the amount of \$122,382.57. Voted unanimous. Highlighted in this disbursement was a payment to the contractor doing the work at Shellbourne Drive.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

The Board adjusted the order of the agenda to address New Business, item 9a – Bid Opening, Remediation of Aquatic Plants: West Side Pond.

Noted was proposals need to be evaluated based on details within them in order to determine the most advantageous. Therefore, totals only are listed here.

All Habitat Services, LLC	Total Cost	\$ 12,410.80
PO Box 231		
Branford, CT 06405		

SOLITUDE LAKE MANAGEMENT	Total Cost	\$ 31,155.00
590 Lake Street		
Shrewsbury, Mass. 01545		

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to forward the two RFP for Remediation of Aquatic Plants: West Side Pond to the Lake Weed Committee for their review and recommendation. Voted unanimous.

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to add item 9 b. Recommendation – Assistant Town Clerk – 6 Month Evaluation. Voted unanimously.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT:

Bob Valentine reported that the paving work on Cottage Grove Road is nearing completion. Setting aprons are scheduled for tomorrow.

The Goshen/Cornwall Senior Bus: Two drivers have been hired, Transit District employees and trained. A schedule for the drivers and areas covered has been put together for the balance of the 2016 year. The bus now has cell phone (track phone) and GPS. The lettering should be completed by the end of the week. The first day of service will be Monday, October 3, 2016.

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Grant funds from the State for the bus have been received along with Cornwall's share. Check has been sent to Matthews Bus. Upon receipt of an invoice for the insurance, a copy will be sent to Cornwall.

Wind Turbines:

Gregory Zupkus, BNE Energy has submitted "frequently asked questions" regarding the Wind Turbines. These will be given out to those interested residents.

Annual Audit:

The town's Annual Audit is complete and will be presented to the Board of Finance at their meeting on Wednesday, September 28, 2016. Ms. Sandra L. Welwood will make the presentation and answer any questions.

The unassigned general fund balance at year end is \$2,259,211. This includes \$226,966 that was added to the fund balance and \$180,332 of fund balance that was not needed to be used.

New Conference Room Table:

Final figures for the new conference room tables have been totaled. Bob Valentine will ask the Board of Finance for an additional appropriation for Town Hall Furniture and Fixtures. Bob showed illustrations of the way these new conference tables can be configured to adapt to various types of meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

8. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

9. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Bid Opening- Remediation of Aquatic Plants: West Side Pond – see page 1.

b. Recommendation – Assistant Town Clerk – 6 Mo. Evaluation.

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to approve the recommendation that the Assistant Town Clerk receive a \$.50 per hour pay increase retroactive to July 18,2016 commensurate to her six month positive evaluation. Voted unanimous.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: NONE

11. ADJOURNMENT:

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide