

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

EMERGENCY MEETING
Saturday, March 14, 2020

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

1 Call to order: Robert P. Valentine, First Selectman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

This Emergency Meeting was called to address the coronavirus COVID-19 and the Public Health and Civil Preparedness Emergency as declared by Governor Ned Lamont. This Emergency declaration shall remain in place throughout the State and to remain in effect through September 9, 2020, unless terminated earlier by the Governor.

As it pertains to ...*"follow previously issued guidance and apply relevant principles of risk management to decisions about whether to cancel, modify or postpone **large gatherings, public events, or travel,**"* the Board members discussed the events scheduled at the Goshen Fair Grounds and other Goshen locations where large gatherings are regularly held. The Executive Order *prohibits assemblies over 250 people until April 30, 2020.* They discussed events at the Goshen Fair Grounds, among others, and social gatherings at the Woodridge Lake Club House. Richard Reis has cancelled the planned dinner and has closed the activities at their Club House until further notice.

The Board of Selectmen discussed the issues in depth and come to the decision to close to the public the Goshen Town Library, and the events normally held by the Goshen Recreation Department until April 1st.

To address the Building and Land Use activities, the public is encouraged use the telephone, the Town Clerk's email/online land records and other legal documents. Attorneys are urged to **mail** paperwork accordingly. For those needing hunting and fishing licenses, they are being urged to use the DEEP web site to purchase them.

The Board discussed creating a process to share vital information for online or other remote means regarding having meetings and the legal boundaries therein.

Recreation	Board of Assessors	Board of Finance
Library	Zoning Board	Economic Development Committee
Fire Commission	Zoning Board of Appeals	Board of Selectmen

All Boards and Commissions are urged to direct their members via email not to attend a meeting if they are sick or showing signs of illness.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide