

**TOWN OF GOSHEN  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday May 14, 2019**

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

OTHERS: John McKenna, Republican American

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

In a **motion** made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to add to the agenda, under item 9 New Business: 9a. Request for Allocations from TAR funds. Voted unanimous.

**2. Approve the minutes of the May 7, 2019, regular meeting:**

In a **motion** made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2019, meeting as presented. Motion carried with Dexter Kinsella abstaining.

**3. Matters Arising out of the minutes:** Town Attorney, Chip Roraback, is drafting an ordinance relative to the newly created Shane Moorehouse Kinsella Race Fund.

**4. Approval of Payroll and Warrant of May 16, 2019:**

In a **motion** made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll for May 16, 2019 in the amount of \$58,872.85. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$12,257.29 and warrant in the amount of \$46,615.56. Included in this warrant were invoices: Goff's Equipment (new lawnmower)-\$2,955.35; Lenard Engineering-\$7,310.79; N.E. Crack Seal-\$19,728 and USA Hauling Recycling-\$7330.50.

**5. Public Comment:** None

**6. First Selectman's Report:**

Bob Valentine reported that he has received positive feedback regarding Chris Leone, taking the combined Superintendency of both Region 6 and Litchfield School District.

**7. Correspondence:** None

**8. Old Business:**

**8a. Appointments**

In a **motion** made by Steven M. Roman, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to re-appoint Amanda Cannon and Daniel Kobylenski to the Zoning Board of Appeals for another two-year term beginning April 23, 2019 and expiring April 23, 2021. Voted unanimous.

**9. New Business:**

**9a. Request for Allocations from TAR funds:**

Garret Harlow, Supervisor of Public Works, has requested an allocation from TAR (Town Aid Road) funds for asphalt crack filling in the amount of \$12,389.50. These funds will be used for payment of asphalt crack filling on East Street North and West Side Road (Northeast Crack Filling).

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was **voted** to approve this request for allocation of funds from the TAR in the amount of \$12,389.50. Voted unanimous.

**10. Any Other Business:**

At this time, Bob Valentine responded to Republican American reporter, John McKenna's question regarding the Goshen Housing Trust potentially building affordable housing on a parcel of land on Beach Street. He referred to an anonymous mailing to Goshen residents stating "***Urgent Community Meeting on Affordable Housing***" will take place on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 a.m. at the St. Thomas Church Hall.

Bob stated that the individuals sponsoring the meeting appear to be circulating misinformation concerning affordable housing. Many actual facts are not known at this time and much of the information being spread around town is merely speculation and in fact, false. Bob expressed his concern about the tenor of the discussion the flyer has created with some referring to individuals that might use affordable housing as "those people", the inference being that they are not welcome. He went on to speak about the history of Goshen as a community and how such derogatory statements have no place; how Goshen has always been a welcoming community with a long history of helping its neighbors. He also cited the success that towns such as Kent, Norfolk and Litchfield have had with Affordable Housing.

**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