

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 21, 2019**

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

OTHERS: Allan D. Walker, Chr. Board of Finance; John McKenna, Republican American

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

2. Approve the minutes of the May 14, 2019 regular meeting:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2019 meeting as presented. Voted unanimous.

3. Matters Arising out of the minutes: None

4. Approval of Payroll and Warrant of May 23, 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 23, 2019 in the amount of \$27,482.63. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$22,517.69 and warrant in the amount of \$4,964.94. Voted unanimous. Included in the warrant was an invoice in the amount of \$1,548.01 for Anthem Dental.

5. Public Comment: None

In a **motion** made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to add to the agenda under 9. New Business, item 9b. Tax Collector's Report- April 30, 2019. Voted unanimous.

6. First Selectman's Report:

Bob Valentine reported that a resident served notice to the Town regarding property assessment appeal on his Goshen property to the Superior Court in Torrington. This notice has been forwarded to the appropriate attorneys to handle the case.

Mrs. Nell Glass has submitted her resignation from the Region 6 Board of Education, as of June 3, 2019. An appointment will need to be made for someone to serve until the next Town Meeting. Goshen's Memorial Day Parade will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 26, 2019, starting from the Goshen Center School, proceeding to the center cemetery on route 4, then back to the school.

An informational meeting on economic development will be held on Thursday, May 30, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. at Camp Cochipianee. Many town Boards and Commission members, along with business owners and other residents will be (to date 41 people have signed up to attend).

Bob Valentine reported on his attending a Region 6 meeting. Superintendent Christopher Leone has accepted the position of Superintendent for **two** school districts – Litchfield and Regional School District 6. Mr. Leone, Superintendent of RSD 6, held a meeting on Monday concerning a change to the k through 12 school system. In addition there may be an opportunity to modify Regional plans such as combining 6th, 7th and 8th graders into a "middle " school for both districts. This would require a referendum that would have to be passed in *each* town.

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The Annual Budget Meeting and Special Town Meeting will be held in the cafeteria of the Goshen Center School, in Goshen, on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. All Goshen residents are welcome to attend.

Bob Valentine reported on his attendance and comments made at the public meeting held on Saturday, May 18th at St. Thomas Church Hall organized by residents. The subject of the meeting was **Urgent Community Meeting on Affordable Housing**. The meeting was moderated by Alan Rothfeld who lives on Beach Street- across the street from the potential development. He voiced his disapproval with information he had for affordable housing. Bob Valentine was given an opportunity to speak and told the crowd that he is hoping people will be patient. Funds were received by the Goshen Housing Trust in February, and as of yet, no plot plan on the parcel of land on Beach Street has been created. He wants people to wait until solid information is available from the Goshen Housing Trust. Bob regrets that there exists animosities against "incentive " housing. There is nothing secretive nor being held back about this issue with the Board of Selectmen nor the Goshen Housing Trust he told the audience. All meetings are posted and followed by minutes of each meeting, which meeting which can be easily obtained from the postings on Goshen's Website. For those people who are waiting for an opportunity to "vote" on the Beach Street issue, please be advised that the Planning and Zoning must work within the State Statute CGS 8-30g that dictates what the Planning and Zoning can and cannot do. All decisions concerning this issue are based on Connecticut Law. Bob encourages people to get involved; send e-mails to the Housing Trust. Again he stressed that people need to get involved and come forward. Bob will answer any questions and help get out honest and truthful information. He conveyed some of the more bigoted comments that he has read recently concerning the issue and his displeasure with them. He also asked those in attendance to be patient and wait until more information is available before making conclusions on what *might* be proposed.

7. Correspondence: None

8. Old Business:

8a. Appointments: None

9. New Business:

9a. Call of the Annual Budget and Special Town Meeting – Wednesday, May 29, 2019:

Selectman Dexter S. Kinsella read aloud the entire call of the Annual Budget Meeting and Special Town Meeting, to be held on Wednesday, May 29, 2019, at 8:00 p.m. at the Goshen Center School Cafeteria. See copy attached.

In a motion made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the *Call of the Annual Budget and Special Town Meeting, Wednesday, May 29, 2019*. Voted unanimous.

9b. Tax Collector's Report – April 30, 2019

The Tax Collector's Report for April 30, 2019 was reviewed by the Selectmen. Collection rate - collected less refunds vs. total budgeted is 100.21%. A detailed "year to date" spread sheet was also reviewed.

In a motion made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was **voted** to receive the Tax Collector's Report for April 30, 2019 as presented. Voted unanimous.

10. Any other Business: None

11. Adjournment:

In a motion made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide