

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, July 09, 2019**

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

OTHERS: Michael Exstein, Max Exstein

1 Robert P. Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

2. Approve the minutes of the July 02, 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 July 02, 2019, meeting as submitted. Voted unanimous.

3. Matters Arising out of the minutes: None

4. Approval of Payroll and Warrant of July 11, 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 July 11, 2019 in the amount of \$65,261.88. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$28,738.20 and warrant in the amount of \$36,523.68. Voted unanimous. Included in this warrant was Northeast Crack Fill - \$12,389.50; Rivco (oil tank installation) \$8,800.; United Concrete \$4,684.

5. Public Comment: None

6. First Selectman's Report:

Bob reported that he used Goshen's public notification system and radio WZBG, to notify the public that the center circle will be under construction from all four directions (Tuesday, July 9, 2019). As such, he advised local residents and travelers to use alternate routes, to avoid traffic backups.

Bob will attend a "pre-bid" meeting in Torrington tomorrow July 10th regarding the *Litchfield Hills Regional Animal Facility* (Goshen, Litchfield and Torrington). The bid opening date is July 24, 2019.

Bob reported that applications are lagging concerning the *Caroline T. Brooks Fund*. Many residents believe that these funds are solely for assistance with dental work, while in fact other medical needs for assistance can be applied for i.e., eye/vision, hearing, and etc. He asked the Selectmen to re-double efforts to get the word out that these funds are available. Bob has also reached out to Goshen Center School personnel to help in this endeavor. An informational article will appear in the next issue of *Town Topics*.

The old underground fuel tank located at the Goshen Fire Company has been removed. The new above ground tank has been installed. Tests results from the soil adjacent to the tank showed there to be no contamination, the soil is clean. There are no longer any underground fuel tanks for the town of Goshen.

Soil testing/samples in the area where the solar array installation will take place adjacent to the Town Hall have been taken (Region 6 installation). Bob will advise of the following steps to be taken.

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The question of the security of the town computer system was discussed in light of other municipalities having ransomware infect their systems. Bob stated that regular review of security is done by the town IT contractor as well as review of State of Connecticut Homeland Security bulletins on the subject. In addition, off site backups are performed nightly. Bob will speak to the towns IT contractor and see if additional measures are available, to protect the town system.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was **voted** to add to the agenda, under item 9. New Business, 9a. Special Event Permit: Connecticut Wine Festival. Voted unanimous.

7. Correspondence: None

8. Old Business:

8a. Appointments: None

9. New Business:

9a. After careful review of the application for special event to be held at the Goshen Fair Grounds, it was determined that approval to hold the Connecticut Wine Festival can move forward. This event will be held on Saturday, July 20th and Sunday, July 21st.

In a **motion** made by Robert P. Valentine, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the Special Event Permit to the officials representing the *Connecticut Wine Festival*, for July 20, 2019 and July 21, 2019 accordingly. Voted unanimous.

10. Any other Business: The Board wishes to express their appreciation to Laurann Szpak for her hard work in volunteering to pull the weeds and weed-whack the growth on the tennis courts.

11. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide