

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, July 23, 2019**

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

EXCUSED: Steven M. Romano

OTHERS: Amy Tobin, John McKenna, Republican American, Lynn Steinmayer, Dir. Goshen Library

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

2. Approve the minutes of the July 16, 2019 regular meeting:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2019, meeting as submitted. Voted unanimous.

3. Matters Arising out of the minutes: None

4. Approval of Payroll and Warrant of July 25, 2019:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll for July 25, 2019 in the amount of \$274,371.83. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$33,402.04 and warrant in the amount of \$240,969.79. Voted unanimous. Included in this warrant was New England Asphalt (crack seal) \$214,845.78.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to add to the agenda under item 9. New Business, 9b. Pay Matrix Review. Voted unanimous.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to add to the agenda under item 10. Any Other Business, 10a. Executive Session for the discussion pending litigation. Voted unanimous.

5. Public Comment: None

At this time, the Board moved to address item 9b. Pay Maxtrix Review.

9b. Pay Matrix Review: There is employee who has reached the top of their pay scale. Bob has consulted with Randi Frank (Randi Frank Consultants) to obtain their advice as how to address this issue fairly. This issue will also be brought before the Board of Finance at their meeting Wednesday, July 24th.

6. First Selectman's Report:

A discussion took place on the bid received for the Milton Road Project – *Reclamation and Resurfacing of Milton Road*. The project is to provide for the reclamation and resurfacing of Milton Road from the intersection of Shearshop Road northerly to approximately 1,200 feet north of Lucas Road. Total project length approximately 2,700 feet. Goshen received a *Rural Minor Collector Grant* for this project. Funding is provided: (80%) federal, (10%) state and (10%) municipality. Only one bid was received for this project that was 32% over the engineers estimated cost.

The Connecticut DOT is requesting a bid analysis. Overall, Goshen would save money on this project. Bob wants assurance that the grants from both the federal government and state of Connecticut will be forthcoming.

Stemming from a discussion on the security in place for the town's computer system at the July 9th Board of Selectmen meeting, Bob reported that the IT contractor for the town is replacing the server with a new one which has additional security and updated backup capacity. New "walls" and "filters" will be installed. Bob Leigh, IT representative, will attend the next staff meeting to report on the new safety measures and what employees can do to avoid potential issues.

A new member had been put forward for the *Recycling and Trash Committee*. Unfortunately, that individual cannot be considered in that their party affiliation would create an imbalance for minority representation. New candidates will be considered.

A tentative date of Monday, August 5, 2019 is being considered for a Town Meeting. Several items will be put forward in the "call": Lease of land to Region 6 for a Solar Array on town property; ordinance establishing an Economic Development Commission; election of a Board of Education member to fill a vacancy.

7. Correspondence: None

8. Old Business:

8a. Appointments: None

9. New Business:

9a. Draft: Economic Development Ordinance

A draft of the Ordinance Establishing an Economic Development Commission was reviewed by the Selectmen. This Ordinance is established under the provisions of CGS 7-136 to establish an Economic Development Commission.

Some of the highlights of the EDC Ordinance:

The Commission will consist of five (5) members and two (2) alternate members. Initially the EDC members will be appointed by the Board of Selectmen within 30 days after the town meeting at which this ordinance is adopted. Starting with the Annual Town Meeting of November 2019, members will be elected to staggered terms. Upon obtaining approval by the BOS, the EDC may appoint employees, agents and consultants necessary for the discharge of its duties within the limits of the appropriations made therefore. The EDC shall annually prepare and transmit to the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Goshen, a report of its activities and recommendations for improving such economic conditions and development. The Town of Goshen may annually appropriate for the purposes of the EDC, a sum not exceeding one-twentieth of one percent of the last completed grand list of taxable property.

10. Any other Business: None

10a. Executive Session for the discussion of Pending Litigation

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to move into executive session at 5:36 p.m. Voted unanimous.

The Board of Selectmen returned to open session at 6:15 p.m. No action was taken.

11. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide