

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 27, 2019**

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

OTHERS: Jim Withstandely, Allan Walker, Chr. Of BOF; Lynn Steinmayer; Dawn Wilkes, Robert Goldberg

1. Robert P. Valentine, First Selectman called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. Approve the minutes of the August 20, 2019 regular meeting:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 20, 2019 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

3. Matters Arising out of the minutes: The tax sale took place on Thursday, August 22, 2019, at Town Hall for property located on Hageman Shean Road. Heather Dahlam (7 Terry Lane, Prospect, CT) purchased the parcel in the amount of \$10,000. This sale will enable this property to be placed back on the tax rolls. .

4. Approval of Payroll and Warrant of August 29, 2019:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark Harris, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll for August 29, 2019 in the amount of \$68,403.26. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$22,113.15, and warrant in the amount of \$46,290.11. Voted unanimous. Included in this warrant were MIRA (tipping fees) \$11,244.01; Target Enterprises (road drainage supplies) \$4,949.71.

5. Public Comment: Jim Withstandely asked why there was such a favorable difference in the pricing for the air conditioner for the Fire House. Bob Valentine advised that he wasn't sure but L&L Mechanical, LLC as a Goshen business, has given the Fire Company vary favorable pricing in the past.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to add to the agenda under item 9. New Business; 9c. Fire Marshal-Special Event Compensation. Voted unanimous.

6. First Selectman's Report:

Bob Valentine reported that flowers and a get well card have been sent to Bill Lane. Bill is resting comfortably at home after recent surgery and is recovering well.

Bob Valentine reported that he is investigating the process of obtaining \$18.00 check-type vouchers for Goshen senior citizens to use at the "Farmers Market". This is a federal nutrition program and will enable senior citizens with fixed incomes to purchase fresh vegetables at the Goshen Farmers Market.

As in past practice, an Emergency Management meeting for the Goshen Fair was held last Wednesday, August 28, 2019, in the Town Hall conference room. Jim O'Leary, EMD; Barry Hall, Fire Chief; State Police, Lt. Mancini, etc. met to review emergency procedures (if needed), at the Fair this weekend. The buildings have a numbered system to enable all to respond in situations if necessary. In addition the DEMHS Region communication truck will be at the fair to assist in

communications. Variable message signs will be placed at strategic spots to avoid parking problems and enable streamlined traffic routes.

As explained in the minutes of the BOS meeting of last week 8-20-19, the meeting with John Rivco of RIVCO CONSTRUCTION CO., Garret Harlow, Supervisor of Public Works, and Bob Valentine took place. The meeting rendered a compromise in that the cost of the repairs (\$2,511.05) to the emergency generator transfer switch will be split between the two parties.

A pre-bid meeting will be scheduled soon in preparation of the Milton Road Paving project, (federal Rural Minor Collector Grant) which is to begin soon.

Goshen's Public Works paving project on Thompson Rd., School Hill Rd., and a section of Milton Road has been successfully completed.

7. Correspondence: None

8. Old Business:

8a. Appointments- None

9. New Business:

9a. Library – Children's Programmer

Not all the information from the background checks has been received. It is important that these checks are complete as this candidate will be working with children. Upon receipt, a decision will be made.

9b. Special Event Permit – Goshen Agricultural Fair

The legal ad for the Goshen Fair was run in the Republican American on August 22nd; the parking plan and other pertinent requirements have been met; the check list is complete.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the Special Event Permit for the Goshen Agricultural Society for the Annual Goshen Fair Friday, August 31st; September 1st and September 2nd. Voted unanimous.

9c. Fire Marshal – Special Event Compensation

There are duties in Goshen or any town, wherein the services of a Fire Marshal are required.

Goshen budgets \$10,752 a year for these duties. In addition to those duties the Fire Marshall may require there be a "fire watch" at events depending on the circumstances. I was recently brought to the Selectmen's attention that the current Fire Marshal has been charging event organizers at the Goshen Fairgrounds for fire watch services. Given that the Fire Marshal works for the town, future fire watch serves will be billed through the fiscal office. To gather more accurate comparable information regarding charges and Fire Marshall compensation, Bob Valentine will speak with town officials of Winchester and Bethlehem to see what they charge. Bob will report his findings to the Board of Selectmen.

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10. Any other Business:

10a. Executive Session for the interview of Public Works candidates: This item will not take place at this meeting due to more time needed for review of applications.

11. Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide