

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 3, 2019**

PRESENT: Dexter S. Kinsella, Robert P. Valentine

EXCUSED: Mark S. Harris

OTHERS: Jim Withstandely, Pat Reilly, Amy Tobin, Garret Harlow

Doreen Deary Bruce Harrington

Darlene Demetri Scot Olson

Elizabeth Zander Henrietta Horvay

Carl Contadini Skip Shattuck

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

The Board chose to suspend the regular order of the agenda and begin with item **8. Old Business, 8a. Appointments- Prospective EDC candidates to speak.**

Each candidate spoke briefly on why they wish to become a member of the Economic Development Commission.

Darlene Dimitri (D); Skip Shattuck (U); Doreen Deary (D); Elizabeth Zander (R); Carl Contadini (R); Bernie Harrington (D); Scot Olson (R); Henrietta Horvay (D); Amy Tobin (D)

2. Approve the minutes of the August 27, 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 meeting of August 27, 2019 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

3. Matters Arising out of the minutes: Bob Valentine has researched Food and Nutrition Services Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) offered by the Department of Agriculture. The program offers farm fresh produce from local farmers markets to seniors within income limits. It appears this program is more suited to larger municipalities in that the paperwork required, i.e., rules/regulations, auditing are overwhelming when compared to the small number of seniors from Goshen who would qualify for same. Therefore, in conversations with Debbie DiPetro, Goshen Community Care and Hospice and Agent for the Elderly, seniors can take advantage of the Goshen Community Garden by attending the Senior social on Tuesdays at the Church of Christ Congregation or contacting Debbie DiPetro .

All activities that took place at the Goshen Agricultural Fair this past weekend went very well; all emergency plans were in place and there were no incidents to report.

The compensation for Goshen's Fire Marshal for duty at special events has been resolved in that it was agreed to \$36.00/hr., calculated from his time card to be submitted accordingly. .

4. Approval of Payroll and Warrant of September 5, 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 September 5, 2019 in the amount of \$1,364,776.55. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$11,159.16, and warrant in the amount of \$1,353,617.39. Voted unanimous. Included in this warrant was Region 6 assessment (1/6) \$1,339,264.00.

5. Public Comment: Jim Withstandely reported that at the Goshen Fair, he found the street lighting on Route 63, very poor; creating difficulty for cars and pedestrians. Bob Valentine will bring this issue to the attention of those involved during a future meeting of Emergency Management meeting for the Fair.

Jim Withstandely also reported that Sprint upgraded its cell tower in the Center Congregational Church.

6. First Selectman's Report:

Bob Valentine reported Mark Harris, newly appointed Selectman, is home from his recent surgery and is recovering well.

Bob Valentine reported that at their meeting of August 28, 2019, the Board of Finance made contingency adjustments in the amount of \$8,341.13. Audited use of fund balance for last fiscal year was only \$58,503.14

The (federal Rural Minor Collector Grant) road project for Milton Road has begun, preliminary set up with signage being put into place; A former employee from ConnDot has been hired for the short term with the responsibility of handling the required paperwork for the project.

7. Correspondence: None

8. Old Business:

8a. Appointments- Prospective EDC Candidates to speak – See page 1

9. New Business:

9a. Library – Children's Programmer

Awaiting the background check for the candidate.

10. Any other Business:

10a. Executive Session for the interview of Public Works candidates: In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to enter into executive session for the purpose of conducting interviews for the Public Works candidates at 6:20 p.m. Garret Harlow, Public Works Supervisor, was invited into Executive Session. Voted unanimous.

The Board moved back into open session at 7:12 p.m.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to hire Matthew Grosclaude for the position of Public Work Maintainer. Voted unanimous.

11. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide