

**TOWN OF GOSHEN  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, September 10, 2019**

PRESENT: Dexter S. Kinsella, Mark S. Harris, Robert P. Valentine (via skype).

OTHERS: Jim Withstandley, Marty Harris, Amy Tobin, Pat Reilly; (candidates for EDC) - Anne Green, Scott Fraher, Heidi Koenig

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

At this time, the Board of Selectmen chose to address item 9. Old Business, 9b. Economic Development Commission candidates.

**Heidi Koenig (R):** Ms. Koenig is the manager of the Mohawk Ski Lodge in West Cornwall. She would like to see a small grocery store and local bakery near the center of Goshen; she is in favor of keeping Goshen the small rural town as it has been, but with more, new business opportunities.

**Scott Fraher (D):** Mr. Fraher serves as president of the Goshen Agricultural Society. He would like to see the Goshen Fair Grounds used more often. Unfortunately, some annual “events” have been cancelled or moved to other venues. He pointed out that the large crowds that come to events held at the fair grounds, also patronize Goshen’s local businesses, especially the events that bring in campers. He would like to see more new events/contracts for the summer/fall season.

**Anne Green (R):** Ms. Green is a resident of Woodridge Lake. Now retired, she was a consultant for the Connecticut Community Association and worked closely with “local” agencies throughout the State. Her successful background of strategic planning and team building would be a good fit for the EDC. She has lived in other areas, in the western United States and London, England.

Bob Valentine announced that on Thursday, September 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the Goshen Center School Cafeteria, a program “*Creation of and Economic Development Action Plan*” will be presented. It will be facilitated by CREC (Connecticut Economic Resource Center, Inc.) representatives. Invitations have been sent to Land Use board members, and members of the Goshen Business Circle. CREC representatives will lead a round-table focus group to develop an outline for a future 5-year action plan formulated specifically for Goshen.

**2. Approve the minutes of the September 3, 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 September 3, 2019 as corrected. Motion carried with Mark S. Harris abstaining.

The names of several of the attendees were misspelled; fourth paragraph – should be “Goshen Fair”.

**3. Matters Arising out of the minutes:** The minutes of the Special Meeting of September 5, 2019 will be presented for approval at the meeting of September 17, 2019.

**4. Approval of Payroll and Warrant of September 12, 2019:**

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll for September 12, 2019 in the amount of \$63,747.86. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$20,387.01, and warrant in the amount of \$43,360.85. Voted unanimous. Included in this warrant were CIRMA – (workers comp) \$18,077; Yucatech – \$43,469.69 – (computer support).

**5. Public Comment:** Pat Reilly, Chairman of the Library Board thanked the Board of Selectmen for hiring the new Children's Programmer. Anne Green thanked the Board of Selectmen for the newly paved Milton Road.

**6. First Selectman's Report:** - None

**7. Correspondence:** None

**8. Old Business:**

**8a. Appointments-** None

A review of the candidates showing interest in being a member of the newly formed *Economic Development Commission* will be done. It is anticipated the finalist for membership will be chosen along with alternates and announced at the Board of Selectmen meeting of Tuesday, September 17, 2019.

**8b. Economic Development Commission** candidates for consideration of membership. See page 1

**9. New Business:** None

**10. Any other Business:** None

**11. Adjournment:**

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide