

**TOWN OF GOSHEN  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, September 24, 2019**

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

OTHERS: Marty Harris, Amy Tobin, Doreen Deary; Allan D. Walker-Chr. Board of Finance; John McKenna, Republican American; Jim Withstandley; Michael Muszynski, Advocacy Manager from CCM (Connecticut Conference of Municipalities)

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

At this time, the Board chose to address item 9a. CCM Town Liaison for Goshen - Mike Muszynski.

**9. New Business: 9a. CCM Town Liaison for Goshen- Mike Muszynski**

Bob Valentine introduced Mike Muszynski from CCM. Mr. Muszynski began with the role that CCM plays for all 169 municipalities in the state. CCM closely follows the proposed bills that are being created in the CT legislature with a view toward protecting the taxpayers. He highlighted a few of the potential items coming up in the new legislative session beginning in February 2020, i.e., recreational marijuana, Teachers Retirement. Decisions are anticipated in a "bonding package", to include TAR, (Town Aid Road), STEAP (Small Town Economic Assistance) among others. Bob cited the funding received from STEAP grants for Goshen in the past, the Old Town hall for the Goshen Players, the Camp Coch dredging of the swimming area, replacement of the Tyler Lake Dam. Mr. Muszynski cited infrastructure expenditures – tolls, road repairs. Bob Valentine asked several questions regarding "regionalization" – 1. Inquiries were made to municipalities regarding the towns' accessors. 2. When asked about "school" regionalization, Mr. Muszynski stated that plan has been dropped.

**Approve the minutes of the September 17, 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 September 17, 2019 as corrected. (The name of Demetri was incorrectly spelled.) Voted unanimous.

**3. Matters Arising out of the minutes: None**

**4. Approval of Payroll and Warrant of September 26, 2019:**

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll for September 26, 2019 in the amount of \$41,021.81. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$26,145.90 and warrant in the amount of \$14,875.91 Voted unanimous. Included in this warrant was payment for **MyREC** Software in the amount of \$2,895.00.

**5. Public Comment: None**

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to add to the agenda under 9. New Business, item 9c. Tax Collector's Report – August 31, 2019. Voted unanimous.

**6. First Selectman's Report:**

Bob Valentine reported that he had a discussion with Superintendent Chris Leone, wherein the Superintendent suggested that health insurance for RSD 6, Litchfield School District, Town of Goshen and Litchfield be "put out to bid" in 2020. Woodridge Lake Sewer District has asked to be included. More discussion will take place.

Bob is still awaiting an answer from DEEP for Goshen's grant request for a Highlands Grant. This request applies to the recently purchased property on East Street North. Bob was told that something should be known by mid-October.

Bob also asked the DEEP representative, Matt Starr, about land in Goshen that has just come up for sale – 65 Beach Hill Road, which includes a substantial amount of land, 620.5 acres. Asking price is \$2.5 million. Mr. Starr will investigate state and federal grant funding that could help with a potential purchase to preserve the land and advise Bob accordingly. Bob is also exploring the possibility of working with the Goshen Land Trust.

A meeting was held today with Dave Battista (Lenard Engineering), Garret Harlow (Supervisor of Public Works), the contractor and State officials to review the work that is being done on Milton Road. The project continues on schedule.

Drafts regarding "*Policy for Computer System Protection*" and "*Information Technology Policy*" have been distributed to the staff here at Town Hall. These drafts will be reviewed along with feedback and discussed next week.

Bob attended a Board of Directors meeting of COST today. The Board reviewed potential items for the upcoming session of the Connecticut legislature. Bob was nominated by COST to serve on the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, (ACIR). The commission is made up of legislative, executive and municipal representatives. Its purpose is to advise the Legislature on intergovernmental issues.

**7. Correspondence:** None

**8. Old Business:**

**8a. Appointments-**

A letter of resignation from a Recycling And Trash advisory committee member, John Krukar has been received. There are now two vacancies on the RAT committee. State Statutes require the vacancies to be filled with either a Republican or Unaffiliated individuals in order to meet minority representation rules.

In a **motion** made by Robert P. Valentine, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to reappoint George Szydlowski and Clyde Breakell to Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates, with terms expiring April 23, 2021. Voted unanimously.

**9. New Business:** None

**9a. CCM Town Liaison for Goshen – Mike Muszynski** See Page 1

**9b. Economic Development Commission**

Economic Development Commission terms of office:

One (1) regular member for a term expiring at 2020 Annual Town Meeting – Bernie Harrington

Two (2) regular member for a term expiring at 2021 Annual Town Meeting – Anne Green, Carl Contadini

Two (2) regular member for a term expiring at 2022 Annual Town Meeting- Elizabeth Zander, Amy Tobin

One (1) alternate member for a term expiring at 2020 Annual Town Meeting – Scott Fraher

One (1) alternate member for a term expiring at 2021 Annual Town Meeting - Darlene Demetri

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris it was **voted** to approve the aforementioned terms for the recently appointed members of the Goshen Economic Development Commission. Voted unanimous.

**9b. Tax Collector's Report - August 31, 2019**

The Selectmen reviewed the Tax Collector's Report. The Collection Rate- collected less refunds vs. total budgeted - 104.29%.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the Tax Collector's Report – August 31, 2019 as submitted. Voted unanimous

**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 6:00 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide