

Town of Goshen  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
Tuesday, June 16, 2020

This meeting held and recorded via Zoom.us and is available as a recording

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

OTHERS: Lynn Steinmayer, Library Director;

**1 Call to order:** Robert P. Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

**2. Approval the minutes of the meeting of June 9, 2020, 2020:**

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of June 9, 2020 as corrected (The spelling of Senator Craig Miner's last name was corrected). Voted unanimous.

**3. Matter Arising Out of the Minutes:** None

**4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – 6-18-2020:**

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Valentine, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll of 6-18-2020 in the amount of \$52,593.12. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$11,782.17 and the warrant in the amount of \$40,810.95. Voted unanimous. Included in the warrant were: MIRA (Tipping Fees) \$10,347.61; Oddo Print Shop (Town Topics) \$4,895.00; USA Hauling, Recycling \$7,330.50.

**5. Public Comment:** None

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to add to the agenda, under **9. New Business**; **b.** TAR Appropriation – Tamarack Lane; **c.** SharedworkCT; Voted unanimous.

**9b. Goshen Library:**

Lynn Steinmayer, Director, reported on the move up to Phase 2 of the Re-Opening Plan. Limited opening will begin Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. weekdays; Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Appointments will be required. Listed here are some of the restrictions that will be adhered to: Social distancing will be in place; MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED; hands will be thoroughly sanitized, or gloves (provided) will be worn; Grab Bags will be given out to our children (mix of items by age/reading level); No children under age 12 will be admitted; tape on the floor will mark safe social distancing. She extended her and her staff's appreciation for the "sneeze guards" and the other supplies needed for this COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Bob gave an update of the Governor's Executive Orders – it appears that restrictions emanating from Phase 1 are being loosened as we enter into Phase 2 beginning Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**7. Correspondence:** None

**8. Old Business:**

**8a. Town Continuation of Operations, REF: COVID-19, Governor Lamont's Executive Orders:**

At a staff meeting held today, a brief discussion took place on the Sneeze Guards that have been installed in the doorways to the Tax Collector's Office, the Fiscal Office, and the half-door entering the vault in the Town Clerk's office. Visits are still by appointment and masks continue to be required. Everyone appears to be comfortable with these new work conditions, including the public who visits the Town Hall by appointment.

**8b. Appointments:** None

**9. New Business:**

**9a. Bank Resolution:**

Bob Valentine read aloud *Bank Resolution* which identified the banks as official depositories for the town of Goshen. **See attached.**

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the resolution designating the banks as official depositories for the Town of Goshen. Voted unanimous.

**9b. Goshen Library Report – see page 1**

**9c. TAR – Appropriation (Request for Tamarack Lane):**

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to appropriate \$5,856.75 from the TAR funds (**Town Aid Road**) to pay Lenard Engineering for engineering services on Tamarack Lane. Voted unanimous.

**9d: SharedWORKCT**

Reiterating that the Board of Selectmen is responsible for all personnel matters, Bob began to describe the Shared Work CT program which is designed to save jobs and retain skilled workers (during slowdown in business)– offering an alternative to layoffs by allowing employers to temporarily reduce employee work hours and supplement those lost wages with the help of partial unemployment benefits. Because the library is not able to be open to the same extent as it had before COVID-19 pandemic, several of the library employees are not able to work their regular hours. Participation in *Shared Work* requires submitting an application to the CT Dept. of Labor for approval. During the time of the

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employees' reduced work hours, they will receive wages based on those reduced work hours plus unemployment compensation for the hours they are unable to work (due to the reduction of hours of the Library, because of the COVID-19 pandemic). This program runs for 6 months. Bob stressed that participation in this Shared WorkCT is to make those affected employees "whole" with their pay as we work toward attaining regular working hours.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to have First Selectman, Bob Valentine move forward with application for the Shared Work CT program with the CT Department of Labor. Voted unanimous.

Director Lynn Steinmayer will put together a schedule for work hours for Library personnel during the COVID-19 pandemic and reviewed it with the Selectmen. Bob will take this information to put together the application accordingly.

**10. Any Other Business:**

**Long Term Recovery Committee:**

Selectman Harris reported that surveys are being put together to gather information from residents concerning needs. A donation was received from a resident in the amount of \$1,200 to cover mailing and miscellaneous costs.

**11. Adjournment:**

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:42 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide