

TOWN OF GOSHEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 12, 2019

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

OTHERS: Chris Sanders

Call to order: Robert P. Valentine, First Selectman called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Approve the minutes of the November 5, 2019 Regular Meeting:

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 5, 2019, as presented. Motion carried with Dexter S. Kinsella abstaining

3. Matters Arising out of the minutes: The *preliminary* ADM (Average Daily Membership) **July 1, 2020**, submitted by Superintendent Chris Leone to Bob Valentine, showed the town of Goshen's student population for Region 6 increased from 46.43% of the total student population to 49.63%. Both Warren and Morris have lost student population while Goshen gained slightly. The change will result in an increase of **\$553,251,69** for Goshen. This figure is equal to 1 mill. A discussion followed among the Selectmen.

4. Approval of Payroll and Warrant of November 14, 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 November 14, 2019 in the amount of \$49,296.19. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$25,210.47 and warrant in the amount of \$24,085.72. Voted unanimous. Included in this warrant were payments for Eversource (street lights) \$1,065.83. and Stirling Health Benefits (employee health insurance) - \$17,469.20.

5. Public Comment: Chris Sanders having just been elected Vice-Chairman of the Northwestern CT Regional Housing Council discussed the need to educate residents on the issue of affordable housing. The differences between "affordable" and "low income" housing need to be made known to the general population. "There are so many *success* stories to be made known" Mr. Sanders stated. Dexter Kinsella agreed that residents of the small towns need to be "educated" as to the differences and similarities and how these housing units add to the towns' vitality. Cooperation with the newly formed *Economic Development Commission and the Goshen Housing Trust* along with the *Goshen Business Circle* is a step in the right direction to create good initiatives. Mr. Sanders feels working with Goshen's Planning & Zoning Commission is an essential element to the process of addressing the statutory requirements in § Section 8-30j to create an Affordable Housing Plan.

Discussed was the possibility of forming a "task force" consisting of members of the P&Z, Board of Selectmen and Housing Trust to address the issue.

6. First Selectman's Report:

It was made known to Bob Valentine that there is a camper parked at the end of Sunset Drive, that appears to be lived in. This is in violation of town ordinance as well as an encroachment on the town right of way. There is also a camper parked and encroaching on town right of way on Tyler Lake Heights. Both are repeat offenders. Bob will speak to Marty Conner, Zoning Enforcement Officer, and seek the legal assistance from Attorney Roraback in the handling of these matters.

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Bob Valentine attended the meeting of CCM (Connecticut Council of Municipalities) on Tuesday, November 12th. Guest speaker was Martin Heft from the OPM (Office of Policy & Management) Intergovernmental Policy and Planning Division, whose topic centered around small municipalities in the state of Connecticut.

New signage is being installed at Goshen's Public Works Department. The sign is in black and white and carries the Goshen Town Seal.

Bob Valentine, Ned Bixler from the Board of Finance, Bill Lane from the Fire Commissioners, will meet to review, for possible updates, to the town's *Purchasing Policies*. Particularly the Bidding processes, and dollar thresholds for bids.

7. Correspondence: None

8. Old Business: None

8a. Appointments: None

9. New Business:

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 5:37 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide