

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, May 26, 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: John McKenna, Colleen Kinkade

**1 Call to order:** Robert P. Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

**2. Approval the minutes of the meeting of May 19, 2020:**

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of the minutes of May 19, 2020 as corrected. Under attendees, Henrietta Horvay was to be identified as Chairman of the Library Board. Voted unanimous.

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

**4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant -May 28, 2020:**

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll of May 28, 2020 in the amount of \$54,024.48. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$24,527.25 and the warrant in the amount of \$29,547.23. Voted unanimous. Included in the warrant were: Stirling Health Benefits: \$18,940.95; Dime Oil (Diesel) \$2,786.43

**5. Public Comment:** None

At this time, a motion was made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was voted to add to the agenda under item 8. Old Business, 8e. Camp Coch Summer Program. Voted unanimous.

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

Some good news – no increase in the COVID-19 cases in Goshen since May 5th

Town Hall is in receipt of touchless thermometers; and signs from CCM regarding COVID-19, floor signs, wall signs, relative to social distancing; hands free sanitizers, masks, etc. The work to add plexiglass to the doors of the Tax Collector, Town Clerk and Library is continuing.

Town Topics is off to the printer and shall be in mail boxes soon.

Bob will be attending the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting tonight @ 7:30 p.m. (via Zoom); this is regarding a \$131,500 grant and conservation easement for the 95.48 acres of town land at 1097 East

Street North. The P&Z is required to be consulted per State Statute 8-24 on the placement of an easement on the property

The Board of Finance will meet tomorrow night, Wednesday, 5-27 (via Zoom) regarding the finalization of the Goshen town budget.

The regular Wednesday conference call with the Governor's office and municipality chiefs confirmed a Town Meeting via Zoom.us can be called for June 30<sup>th</sup> to elect a Goshen member to the Board of Education. Bob will ask Pat Reilly to moderate this meeting.

Some staff will be returning in to work at Town Hall this week under revised protocols, instead of working from home; a picnic table has been moved adjacent to the front door to facilitate those individuals seeking dog licenses, and other Town Clerk tasks that require signatures.

**7. Correspondence:** None

**8. Old Business:**

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

See item 6, First Selectman's Report.

**8b. Appointments:** Bob reported that he has received a resignation from EDC (Economic Development Commission) from Bernie Harrington. A replacement will be sought from the list of those previously interested in serving.

**8c. Long Term Recovery Committee:** Mark Harris reported their first meeting was very good. Members will be researching needs before their next meeting.

**8d. Goshen Stampede:**

Under Town Ordinance Title 23, Special Events, and the Executive Orders of the Governor, inclusive of public health restrictions under public assembly and amusements, the Governor has moved from May 20<sup>th</sup> out to June 20<sup>th</sup> restricting the number of people allowed to assemble to no more than 5 individuals. It is further anticipated that most large public events will not be allowed out to August 2020 or September 2020. In addition, in a conversation with the Fire Marshal, he will not be signing any liquor permits application during those time restrictions. Inasmuch as the Goshen Stampede request for approval of their event is June 20, 21, and 22, Bob recommends a motion to deny this year's request to hold the Goshen Stampede. He further stated that inasmuch as the majority of CT state fairs have been cancelled due to restrictions on assemblies, he suggested other Special Event Permit applications for public gatherings be denied out to August or September when it is hoped the Governor will be issuing orders to allow larger numbers of assembly, due to COVID-19 pandemic.

In a **motion** made by Bob Valentine, seconded by Dexter Kinsella, it was **voted** to deny the Special Event Application from the Goshen Stampede Inc. as presented. Voted unanimous.

**8e. Camp Coch Summer Camp:**

In continuing plans for the Camp Coch summer program, Rec. Director, Colleen Kinkade has been in contact with other Camp Directors in the northwest area with a goal of helping the group to abide by the mandatory changes set in place by the Governor's Executive Orders and extended by the OEC (Office of Early Childhood) that oversees the operations of children's camps.

This year's camp will be limited to **40 campers**. Campers will be limited to 10 per group and each group will have two Counselors, no Junior Counselors or Counselors in training will be hired this year. Campers will not be not allowed to integrate/travel over to other camper groups; social distancing will be in place at all times; swimming will be allowed, but the life guards are not allowed to touch the children so swim lessons will be limited. There will be no before and after series for children. At this time, there are no plans for the *Teen Adventure Camp* program. Children drops offs will be staggered, as well as swim times and lunch times. Colleen reviewed the cost of operating camp under the new rules in an effort to have

the registration fees for campers cover the cost of operation. She reported that a special meeting (Zoom) of the Recreation Commission will be held this coming Monday 6-1-20, to review the reduced camping program, the costs, revenues, etc.

Bob Valentine opined that registrations for Camp should be prioritized for Goshen residents, before taking in other municipalities children. The Board of Selectmen felt that the registration fee for camp should cover running camp under the new rules. Mentioned was the Shane Morehouse Kinsella Memorial Fund and the possibility of the fund provide grants to those families in Goshen that cannot afford it.

**9. New Business:** None

**10. Any Other Business:** Bob gave praise to the American Legion Post 46 for the great ceremony to honor Goshen's veterans this past Memorial Day at Center Cemetery. The ceremony was highlighted by the placing of roses at the headstones of veterans, donated by the Torrington Elks, Lodge 72, organized by members Lindsey and Ron McCarthy. A sincere thank you to all who made the ceremony a very fitting honor to our veterans.

**11. Adjournment:**

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide