

**Town of Goshen**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**Tuesday January 31, 2023**

**PRESENT:** Todd M. Carusillo, Mark S. Harris, Dexter S. Kinsella (zoom)

**OTHERS:** Cindy Barrett; Dawn Wilkes; Don Wilkes; Henrietta Horvay; Audrey Blondin;

**1. Call to order:** Todd M. Carusillo called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of January 24, 2023:** In a motion made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Deter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of January 24, 2023 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

**3. Matters Arising Out of the January 24, 2023 meeting:** None

**4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – February 2, 2023:** In a motion made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll of February 2, 2023 in the amount of \$33,265.31. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$15,981.12 and the warrant in the amount of \$17,284.19. Motion passed with Dexter S. Kinsella abstaining. Included in this warrant: VISA – \$2,783.63; Truck Parts & Sales - \$4,755.94; Warren Park & Rec, (reimbursement for basketball program)- \$3,439.96.

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

Town Attorney, Chip Roraback drove up to Holmes Road and has advised the road entrance *is* a highway for the town of Goshen. Chip states there is no record of it being discontinued or abandoned). Opinion letter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance.

Todd held up a booklet entitled "*Proposals for the Early In-Person Voting in the State of Connecticut*". This report came from The Center for Election Innovation & Research. This report proposes a 10-day election process. The cost suggests from \$10K to 14K per day, which comes to a \$100K to \$140K expense. The big cities perhaps can absorb such fee, however, Goshen and many other small towns cannot. This proposal will be studied carefully.

**6. Public Comment:**

Audrey Blondin requested a copy of the Early Voting Proposal.

Cindy Barrett stated that she is in favor of the Early In-Persons voting proposal. Todd stated he cannot agree to raising taxes proposed to cover costs for 10 days for voting.

Henrietta Horvay suggested the "proposal" booklet be available for public viewing in the Library, Town Clerk Office, etc.

Audrey Blondin pondered the feasibility of using those mail boxes placed outside every town hall that were given during the COVID-19 pandemic. This enabled voters to exercise early voting – and not early "in-person" voting. The 30<sup>th</sup> District has 18 towns. Selectman Mark Harris stated that this proposal will be studied to find where to put our lobbying efforts.

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**7. Correspondence:**

The Dept. of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) is initiating an amendment to the 2016 *Comprehensive Materials Management Strategy* as a result of the closure of Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA) in July 2022 resulting in the loss of disposal capacity. Thus, State's hierarchy wants to restore self-sufficiency in Connecticut's waste management practices. The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may prepare an amendment to the statewide solid waste management plan, and schedule a hearing on the proposed amendment. A public informational hearing is scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

**8. Old Business:**

With reference to the plowing of Rockhouse Road, the letter from the Public Works Supervisor stated that, after numerous attempts to contact "Johnny's Sweeping" no contact was made. This letter will be on file.

**8a. Appointments:**

**8b. Budgets:** The following budgets were presented and reviewed:

Civil Preparedness                      Street Lights\*  
Conservation Commission      Zoning Board of Appeals  
Planning & Zoning

\*There were 2 street lights that continued being billed under Constellation Energy.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to receive the 2023-2024 budgets and forward them to the Board of Finance for their review and consideration. Voted unanimous.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to add to the agenda under 8. Old Business, item 8c. Flag Ordinance. Voted unanimous.

**8c. Flag Policy: Board of Selectmen's Policy Regarding the Display of Flags on Municipal Properties:**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be held Tuesday, February 14, 2023, in the Conference Room of the Town Hall at 5:00 p.m. (The Flag policy will be posted on the Goshen website).

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to add to the agenda under 9. New Business, 9a. *Report of Incoming Tax Collections*. Voted unanimous.

**9. New Business:**

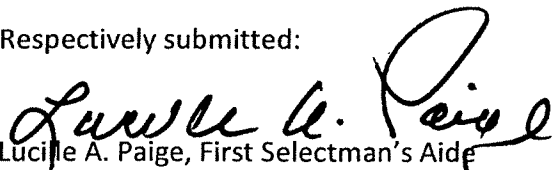
**9a. Report of Incoming Tax Collections:** As of 01/31/2023: Real Estate: 91.30% Personal Property: 66.28% Motor Vehicle: 97.58% Motor Vehicle (supplemental): 61.57% Total paid: \$10,567,358.76.

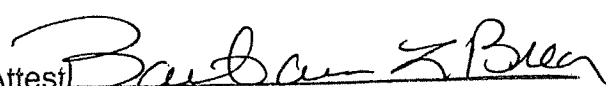
**10. Other Business:** None

**11. Adjournment:**

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted:

  
Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide

Received Feb. 2, 2023 @ 10:26 AM  
Attest   
Barbara Z. Bean, Town Clerk

# DRAFT

## Board of Selectmen's Policy Regarding The Display of Flags on Municipal Properties

1. No flag other than the flag of the United States of America, the State of Connecticut, the National League of Families POW/MIA flag and the official services flags of all branches of the armed forces of the United States of America may be flown, affixed or otherwise displayed on any property owned by the Town of Goshen other than the display of the official flag of the Goshen Fire Company, Inc. on the town-owned property located at 181 Sharon Turnpike, Goshen, Connecticut.

Per Board of Selectmen:

Todd M. Carusillo, First Selectman

Dexter Kinsella, Selectmen

Mark Harris, Selectmen

Est: February 2023