

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday February 15, 2022

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

PRESENT: Todd M. Carusillo, Mark S. Harris, Dexter S. Kinsella

OTHERS: Henrietta Horvay; Cindy Barrett; Dave Boisvert; Peter Kujawski; Scott Olson; John McKenna (Republican American); Joyce Mowrey; Janet Hooper; Josephine Jones; Doreen Deary; James Withstandley; Katie Hennessy; Suzanne Rinaldi; Marc McCarthy; Costa Voiklis; Annette Lott; Garret Harlow; Jack Kelly; Johanna Kimball; Don Wilkes; Paul Collins; Audrey Blondin

1. Call to order: Todd M. Carusillo called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to move to 9a. Receiving of Bids for Public Works for purchase of Tractor and Boom Mower at this time. Voted unanimous.

2022 TRACTOR AND BOOM MOWER

	<u>Total Price</u>	<u>Model/Mfg</u>	<u>3 Pt.Hitch Flail Mower</u>	<u>(4) TRI 2 Tires</u>
Tiger Corporation 3301 North Louise Avenue Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57107 605-254-7880	\$145,343.00	John Deere 6105E	\$13,158.00	\$3,662.00
Bacher Corporation of CT 7 Thompson Road PO 733 East Windsor, CT 06088 860-627-5924	\$182,643.00	John Deere 6105E	96" \$11,853.00 112" \$12,625.00	\$7,150.00
Westchester Tractor, Inc. 60 International Blvd. Brewster, New York 10507 845-278-7766	\$160,000.00	Kubota	\$12,400.00	\$3,600.00
Deere & Company United Ag & Turf NE 2 Gandolfo Drive Canaan, CT 06018 860-824-1161	\$152,810.11	John Deere 6105E	\$14,177.00	\$8,930.00
Westchester Tractor Inc. 60 International Blvd. Brewster, New York 10507 845-278-7766	\$164,400.00	NH 16x8 dual power	\$12,400.00	\$3,800.00

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to forward the aforementioned bids to Garret Harlow, Supervisor of Public Works for his review and recommendation. Voted unanimous.

2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of February 8, 2022:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of February 8, 2022 as corrected. A referral to “new competition will be coming to Goshen” in the Broadband Report was incorrect/misunderstood. These corrections were made. Voted unanimous.

2. Matters Arising Out of the Minutes: Under Public Comment, Cynthia Barrett was not present at the property where she reported a fire hazard. Two individuals who were present at last week’s BOS meeting were not recorded – Annette Lott and Kosta Voiklis.

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – February 17, 2022:

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll of February 17, 2022 in the amount of \$53,575.68. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$13,316.57 and the warrant in the amount of \$40,259.11. Voted unanimous. Items of note: Dime Oil (fuel, diesel)-\$2,728.31; Gowan Knight (truck repair)-\$4,914.02; Morton Salt (road salt) \$10,678.76; USA Hauling Recycling-\$8,163.00.

5. First Selectman’s Report:

COVID-19 again has been reduced to 8 (from 10) cases in Litchfield County Hospitals. This weekend First Selectman Todd Carusillo has approximately 300 COVID test kits to distribute (weather permitting).

6. Public Comment: Audrey Blondin stated that the adjournment time on last week’s BOS minutes should have read 6:00 p.m. Henrietta Horvay asked if there were questions regarding “Old Business” on the agenda can the public make comments (even though item 6 Public Comment section was concluded). The BOS answered “yes”. Francine Komaisar, rose to the podium and read aloud the petition -*The Goshen Board of Selectmen (BOS) adopted the “Housing Plan 2022-2027: on October 5, 2021 which satisfied the requirements for State of Connecticut CGS 8-30j, that the town “prepare and amend or adopt” and affordable housing plan. There is no State law mandating implementation of the Plan which includes recommendations for expenditures of Town funds including Title 67 Land Acquisition Funds. Shall the Housing Plan 2022-2027 be made an amendment, included or otherwise incorporated into the Town of Goshen Plan of Conservation and Development POCD dated August 23, 2016?*

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to accept the aforementioned petition as submitted. Voted unanimous.

David Boisvert asked to have the statement (within the Broadband Advisory Committee report) “*New competition will be coming to Goshen*” to be deleted. In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to amend the Broadband Advisory Committee report of February 8, 2022, by deleting the aforementioned statement with reference to “new competition”. Voted unanimous.

Audrey Blondin clarified the purpose of the Housing Plan petition, in that twenty (20) signatures were obtained for a Town Meeting, however, if another 200 signatures were to be garnered, then that issue will then be moved to a “referendum” instead.

7. Correspondence: Todd Carusillo received a detailed report regarding some issues that pertain to the Town Hall's heating system. Summary: in conversations with DCR Plumbing - remove and replace existing air/water separator. Cost for labor and parts is \$845.73. Heating loop bypass for boiler. Cost labor and parts \$950.88. Barometric damper, flexible oil lines are corroded. Cost for labor and parts is \$896.03. Further investigating will follow.

MIRA hauled from Goshen 90.35 tons of trash in the month of January alone! All of us Goshen residents must recycle. Todd Carusillo reported that the Building Permits henceforth will have a section where the responsibility for scrap/waste from the building, remodeling, etc. to be done will stipulate this responsibility to the contractor.

8. Old Business: The highest bidder for Goshen's 1994 old Dump Truck increased his bid of \$6,501.00 up to \$7,000. Goshen will accept this bid of \$7,000.

8a. Appointments: In a motion made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was voted to appoint Ms. Annette Lott and Ms. Suzanne Rinaldi to serve on the Recycling and Trash Committee. Voted unanimous.

8b. Budgets:

Discussions were done on the following budgets:
Selectmen; Board of Assessors.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to receive listed budgets and forward onto the Board of Finance for review. Voted unanimous.

8.c. Presentation: "Sustainable Connecticut" – Joyce Mowrey: Part 2

Ms. Mowrey continued with further information regarding "Sustainable CT" stemming from the questions that were raised from last week's meeting. *Resolution Supporting Participation* document was presented for review at this meeting. Selectman Mark Harris took exception to **RESOLVED: any plans for new events or actions being considered by Sustainable Goshen Team for Sustainable certification will be presented to Goshen's Town Selectmen to review and approve by majority vote *if those plans involve town resources and/or responsibility***. Grant responsibilities – in Town's name? Who controls the money? Liability to Town? Town control or oversight? Should have Goshen's Recycling and Trash Committee? These questions were answered by Ms. Mowrey. The ***if those plans involve town resources and/or responsibility*** will be deleted from the Resolution Supporting Participation in the Sustainable CT Municipal Certification Program.

Recreation Director Katie Hennessy joined the Sustainable CT for the sole purpose of being advised of grants 'Harris made it clear the town Recreation Department is *not a part* of the Sustainable CT organization.

10. Other Business: The Tax Collector has reported that collected: 97.25% from real estate; 98.9% from personal property and 96% from motor vehicles.

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11. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5.55p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide