

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

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

EXCUSED: Mark S. Harris

OTHERS: Dawn Wilkes; Henrietta Horvay; Scott Olson; Cindy Barrett; Eric Warner, *Goshen News*; Audrey Blondin; Bernie Harrington

1. **Call to order:** Todd M. Carusillo called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.
2. **Approval of the minutes of the meeting of June 13, 2023:** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of June 13, 2023 as submitted. Voted unanimous.
3. **Matters Arising Out of the June 13, meeting:** None
4. **Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – June 22, 2023:** In a **motion** made by Todd M. Carusillo, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll of June 22, 2023 in the amount of \$88,594.88. Included was the warrant in the amount of \$60,202.13 and the payroll in the amount of \$28,392.75. Voted unanimous. Included in this warrant: Down to Earth Consult. - \$7,775.00; MIRA, tipping fees – \$14,212.44; Sepples Tree Service, Camp Coch - \$7,000.00; USA Waste -\$9,064.00.

5. First Selectman's Report:

The wild bears continue to pose a problem for our Goshen residents. *Please be vigilant, careful!*

Todd cautioned the residents of Goshen referring to the “tipping fees”. This month’s invoice was \$14,000, while the previous months were \$9,000 to \$12,000. Goshen residents must recycle and compost.

Paul Collins also stated that the five (5) weeks in May would result in an increase in tipping fees.

Todd announced again that he has COVID-19 test kits in his office. He urged everyone to avail themselves if perhaps they may be travelling to vacation places, etc.

Todd asked how many residents did not receive a copy of Goshen’s TOWN TOPICS. In the past, the Goshen Post Office would return the extra copies back to Town Hall for distribution. Unfortunately, the Postmaster would no longer allow those extras to be delivered back to Town Hall.

6. Public Comment:

Bernie Harrington asked how he can contact someone at Optimum. His attempts at the phone numbers he has were in vain. (Optimum left a large wire on his lawn and it needs to be removed.) Marc McCarthy from the Broadband Committee, came to view the issue. Bernie was given the name of Esme Lombard, at Optimum, however it has been a month now and he needs action on his problem.

Todd asked a question for Mark Harris for Marc McCarthy regarding the internet/broadband connection. One wire is internet, attached to the house; does that need to have Optimum make the connection? Does the customer need to initiate the process?

Scott Olson referring to the tipping fees, asked if the increase in tipping fees for this month, was it residential or commercial? In addition, with the oncoming summer, many more residents are coming to town using their summer residences. Todd concurred, in that many Woodridge Lake residents are using their summer homes here in Goshen. But he felt there is a need for these residents to be “educated” and begin to compost and recycle.

7. Correspondence: None

8. Old Business: None

8a. Appointments: CTAC (Cable Television Advisory Council):

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to reappoint David Rosaler to the CTAC, Optimum/ALTICE for a two-year term. Voted unanimously.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to add to the agenda, item 9a. Tibetan Festival. Voted unanimously.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to add to the agenda, item 9b. TAR Fund Transfer. Voted unanimously.

9. New Business:

9a. Tibetan Festival:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to approve the Tibetan Festival to be held at the Goshen Fair Grounds on June 22nd, June 23rd, and June 24, 2023. Voted unanimous.

9b. TAR Fund Transfer:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to approve the request from Garret Harlow, Supervisor of Public Works, to transfer funds from the Town Aid Road account into the Capital budget line item: Major Road Projects in the amount of \$140,371.35. Voted unanimous. The allocated funds will be used toward Chip Sealing various roads throughout Goshen.

10. Others Business: None

11. Adjournment: In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:21 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide