

**Town of Goshen**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Tuesday February 9, 2021**

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

Zoom Conference Link: <https://zoom.us/j/379444182>

Meeting ID #: 379-444-182

Option 2: Dial-in number: 1-929-205-6099

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

**OTHERS:** Cindy Barrett, John McKenna, Republican American

**1. Call to order:** Robert P. Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

**2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of February 2, 2021:**

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of February 2, 2021 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

**3. Matters Arising Out of the Minutes:** Bob reported he received a quote from John Calkins, (Bozzuto Associates, Insurance) indicating savings may be able to be had from switching over to an HSA. Bob will work with Virginia Perry, Admin. Assistant and John to review the potential savings, in comparison to our current plan.

**4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – February 11, 2021**

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 11, 2021 in the amount of \$77,190.29. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$30,686.73 and the warrant in the amount of \$46,503.76. Voted unanimous. Invoices highlighted: Cargill Salt (winter salt) \$13,578.19; Dime Oil (heat, diesel) \$5,865.50; John Hancock (pension), \$4,817.42; Protective System (building door locks and security ) \$8,925.00.

**5. Public Comment:** None

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

Worked on budgets this week. Including cloud-based tax and assessor programs. Budgets will be submitted for next week's meeting.

Work is moving forward on the process for hiring a new Recreation Director. The Search Committee has posted the position on "Indeed" and an add will be placed in the Waterbury Republican newspaper. The committee has set March 2<sup>nd</sup> as the deadline for applicant

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submissions and will be finalizing interview questions. Background checks will be required and the process is being researched so that it will be timely.

**7. Correspondence:** None

**8. Old Business:**

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

Good news, only 1 additional case of COVID-19 in Goshen. In Litchfield County, the number of hospitalizations were down by 3. Senior citizens age 65 yrs. and over can now sign up for vaccinations.

**b. Appointments:** None

**c. Budgets:** None

**d. Recreation Director:** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was voted to approve the updated job description for *Recreation Director* as submitted. Voted unanimous.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to add to the agenda under **9. New Business**, item c. Fire Company Request for Purchase Order. Voted unanimous.

**9. New Business:**

**a. TAR Request: Public Works**

The Public Works Dept. has requested \$25,000 from the TAR (Town Aid Road) account-2400-32 for an "On Call" Tree Service.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the request from the Public Works Department for \$25,000 from the TAR account for an "On Call" Tree Service. Voted unanimous.

**c. Fire Company Request for Stabilization Jacks:**

Three quotes were acquired for stabilization jacks (which aids in lifting automobiles involved in accidents/rescues). The Fire Commissioners would like to take the high bid due to its versatility and the fact that neighboring fire companies use the same system.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve purchase order for Firematic Supply to supply stabilization jacks in the amount of \$6,917.00. Voted unanimous.

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**b. Executive Session for the discussion of personnel:**

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to move into Executive Session at 5:35 p.m. for the discussion of personnel evaluations and the merit budget and the process for utilizing it for staff. Voted unanimous.

The Board returned to regular session at 5:55 p.m. No action taken.

**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 5:55 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide