

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

**Tuesday March 16, 2021**

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

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

**OTHERS:** Cindy Barrett, Garret Harlow, Glenn Dietlin, Eric Fredicson

**1. Call to order:** Robert P. Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

**2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of March 9, 2021:**

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of March 9, 2021 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

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

**4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – March 18, 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 March 18, 2021 in the amount of \$71,294.99. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$12,055.17 and the warrant in the amount of \$59,239.82. Voted unanimous. Invoices highlighted: Cargill (winter salt) – \$4,946.84 & \$7,562.52; MIRA (waste disposal) - \$17,592.12; Sepples Tree Service (remove Ashe trees on Milton Road) - \$10,000.

**5. Public Comment:** None

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

Much of the past week was taken up with budgets.

Regarding the Special Event Permits, Bob had a conversation with David Lehman, Commissioner of DECD concerning current Sector Rules for limiting assemblies due to COVID-19. Events at Fairgrounds are limited to 50% of their previous year's attendance. Unfortunately, there is no consideration for the size of events in general. If an event had 200 people previously, they would be limited to 100 attendees while an event at the same fairgrounds which had 30,000 attendees would be limited to 15,000 attendees. Having rules that require social distancing, masks and other protocol that would limit the possibility of spreading COVID would be a much better way of addressing the potential for super spreader events. In addition, April 20, 2021,

the current Sector Rules expire. There is uncertainty as to what if any rules will be in place afterwards.

Congress passed and the President has signed the American Rescue Plan. The plan has funds that will be distributed to every municipality, for Goshen \$282,672. The funds would be disbursed in two payments, one this year and one next year. They have restrictions on what they can be used for.

From Connecticut Council of Municipalities (CCM):

**Acceptable Use of Funds for Local Government Under the American Rescue Plan**

(A) To respond to the public health emergency with respect to COVID–19 or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;

(B) To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID–19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of local government that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;

(C) For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such local government due to the COVID–19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency; or

(D) To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

Local governments cannot use funds for deposit into any pension fund. In addition, cannot be used for directly or indirectly offsetting a tax cut. Distribution by the State for Goshen is \$282,672 which can be done in two payments.

With many Goshen residents scheduled to receive \$1,400, Stimulus Checks from the American Rescue Plan, First Selectman Valentine has suggested that residents, who could afford to, consider donating some or all of their relief funds to the Goshen Fire Company, for the purchase of a new fire truck, Goshen Community Care and Hospice or the Goshen Good Neighbor Fund. These three organizations directly help Goshen residents in times of need.

**7. Correspondence:** None

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to add to the agenda under item 8, Old Business, 8d. Consideration of Truck Purchase. Voted unanimous.

**8. Old Business:**

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

Current Sector rules will expire Tuesday, April 20, 2021 if no further action is taken by the legislature and the Governor.

**b. Appointments:** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to re-appoint **Jarrod J. Upton** to the Board of Assessors with term expiring October 31, 2023. Voted unanimous.

**c. Budgets:** The following budgets were reviewed and discussed:  
Professional Services, Insurance.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to *receive* the Professional Service and Insurance budgets submitted today and along with the budgets received in previous meetings (Animal Control, Board of Finance, Cemeteries, Fire Protection, Fiscal Office, Library, Professional Services, Rescue, Capital and Non-Recurring,) be forwarded onto the Board of Finance for their review and consideration. Voted unanimous.

**d. Consideration Truck Purchase:**

Garret Harlow, Public Works Supervisor submitted a recommendation to the board to accept the bid from Western Star Connecticut for the purchase of a Public Works truck. In support of his recommendation, he submitted two additional quotes received subsequent to the bid opening.

*Freightliner: (\$132,000)*

*International: (\$132,918.20)*

*He stated* Western Star's steel truck body parts are treated for anti-corrosion; their trucks' wiring is also corrosion resistant and with a simple configuration for longer life use. This purchase includes cab and chase. He also stated that Western Star Connecticut service has been outstanding.

Bob Valentine reported that the Board of Finance has approved 50% (\$130,000) of the purchase price of \$260,000. A Letter of Intent will be needed to place the order. This purchase along with the information from two other truck franchises is thought to be favorable by the towns people from a future Town Meeting.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to accept Mr. Harlow's recommendation for the Western Star truck. Voted unanimous.

**9. New Business:**

**9a. Recycle Bid- Town-Wide Curbside Recyclable Collection**

USA Hauling & Recycling	Part A-Residential Curbside & Transportation (Bi-Weekly)	
185 Torrington Road	Year 1:	\$ 88,956.00 (\$7,413.00/month
Winsted, CT 06098	Year 2:	\$ 98,868.00 (\$8,239.00/month
1-800-998-2984	Year 3:	\$103,812.00 (\$8,651.00/month
	Year 4:	\$109,008.00 (\$9,084.00/month
	Year 5:	\$114,468.00 (\$9,539.00/month
	Part B-Monthly Scrap Metal & Tire Pick-Up (1x Month)	
	Year 1:	\$ 9,000.00 (\$750.00/month)
	Year 2:	\$ 9,900.00 (\$825.00/month)
	Year 3:	\$10,680.00 (\$890.00/month)
	Year 4:	\$11,220.00 (\$935.00/month)
	Year 5:	\$11,784.00 (\$982.00/month)

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to receive the Recycle Bid from USA Hauling and forward on to Paul Collins, Recycling Coordinator and Bob Valentine for review and recommendation. Voted unanimous.

**10. Any Other Business:**

Selectman Mark Harris reported that a group of Tyler Lake Heights residents sat down with Aquarian Water Co. to discuss the quantity of chlorine being put in the water supply. Although Aquarian was firm that the quantity was necessary for health reasons the conversation was respectful. They also learned that for a short period of time small traces of carbon tetrachloride were detected in the water supply.

Selectman Dexter Kinsella reported from the Recreation Director Hiring Committee that four energetic, talented candidates for Recreation Director have been selected for the second round of interviews. A finalist will be chosen soon.

**11. Adjournment:**

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:54p.m. Voted unanimous.