

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday March 23, 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: Carol Feldman, Cindy Barrett, Sean O'Neill, Brandy Summerlin, Seth Breakell, John McKenna, Republican American

1. Call to order: Robert P. Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of March 16, 2021:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of March 16, 2021 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

3. Matters Arising Out of the Minutes: None

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – March 25, 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 25, 2021 in the amount of \$101,442.39. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$24,320.05 and the warrant in the amount of \$77,122.34. Voted unanimous. Invoices highlighted: CIRMA (workers comp, property & casualty), \$17,594.00; JW Tractor (Camp Coch tractor repair); \$2,065.88; Mountain Top Trucking (crushed stone, dirt road repairs) \$3,920.96; Vision (upgrade) \$5,000.00.

5. Public Comment: None

6. First Selectman's Report:

Bob has been spent time reviewing current and updated COVID-19 Sector Rules in preparation for Special Events applications and the current Special Events Ordinance Title 23. The Sector Rules could change with the Governors executive orders scheduled to expire on April 20, 2021.

Bob has been attending meetings of a "Region 6 Working Group" consisting of representatives from (Warren, Morris and Goshen). The working group is exploring the possibility of regionalizing with Litchfield Public Schools. A joint meeting of RSD 6 members and Litchfield representative will be held on Wednesday, April 7th at the Litchfield Community Center at 6:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to find common ground for a potential merger.

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Bob feels it is essential that Goshen not lose any control over our educational system, when using the required weighted voting system. As such, the RSD 6 Working Group will be proposing a 75% super majority for board decisions. Both districts will keep the current Pre-kindergarten through grade 5 schools as is; middle school would be in Litchfield; all upper grades would be at WAMOGO.

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 9, New Business, 9a. Special Town Meeting, April 12, 2021. Voted unanimous.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to add to the agenda under item 9, New Business, 9b. Recommendation from Recreation Search Committee. Voted unanimous.

8. Old Business:

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

Hospitalizations in Litchfield County had a light uptick from 2 to 6. The vaccine is now being administered to those age 45 yrs. and older.

Residents that are looking to schedule vaccine appointments are encouraged to be persistent by going to the following site to find an appointment;

MyChartPlus.org (Hartford Health Care)

VAMS.com (The federal government portal which schedules appointments at Torrington Area Health District clinics)

CVS.com

Walgreens.com

Walmart.com

b. Appointments: None

c. Budgets: None

*Regarding the Fire Company- ESIP Insurance is quoting a 15% increase in premium; VSIS insurance will be giving us a quote hopefully more competitive.

d. Special Event Permit Stampede

A legal add has not yet been placed in the newspaper, as the Special Event Permit application is not yet complete. The list of outstanding items was discussed. Bob reiterated that the Special

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Event Permit Ordinance allows only 3-day events, not the 4-days that is being requested. (per Town Attorney Chip Roraback).

Seth Breakell, VP of the Goshen Agricultural Society asked for clarification on the subject of more than 3 day events

9. New Business:

9a. Special Town Meeting April 12, 2021: See attached

Selectman Dexter Kinsella read aloud the *Warning, Special Town Meeting, Town of Goshen*. This meeting is to be held in “Hybrid” form. The meeting will be to consider Capital appropriations for Goshen Fire and Public Works as previous approved by the Board of Finance.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris it was **voted** to approve the *Warning for the Special Town Meeting for April 12, 2021*. Voted unanimous. See attached.

9b. Recommendation from the Recreation Dept. Search Committee:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to hire Ms. Katie Hennessy for the position of Recreation Director for the town of Goshen *pending a background check and financial agreements*. Voted unanimous.

Bob Valentine expressed his thanks to all the members of the Search Committee for the time and effort they expended to arrive at their decision. In addition, a *special thank you* goes to Don Patterson, Chairman of the Recreation Commission, Commissioners Erin Reilly and Sarah Lenard for their hard work on the committee.

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 6:05 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman’s Aide