

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, March 30, 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: John McKenna, Republican American; Cindy Barrett; Pat Reilly

1. Call to order: Robert P. Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of March 23, 2021:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of March 23, 2021 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

3. Matters Arising Out of the Minutes: Barry Hall and Virginia Perry are awaiting a response quote from VSIS insurance.

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – April 1, 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 April 1, 2021 in the amount of \$37,073.33. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$12,756.87, and the warrant in the amount of \$24,316.46. Voted unanimous. Invoices highlighted: Eversource: \$1,334.08; Innovative Services (magic liquid mixture, for winter salt) \$6,128.16; McNeil, Inc. (Property & Casualty Ins., Fire Comp.) \$6,031.50.

5. Public Comment: Cindy Barrett reported that Paul Collins, Recycling/Trash Coordinator has reported there is lot of interest in this Saturday's (from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) Recycling Day: Shredding, Electronics and Mattress.

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. Resolution of the Board of Selectmen, Town of Goshen. Voted unanimous.

6. First Selectman's Report:

Bob met with Ms. Katie Hennessey for the position of Recreation Director, brought forth by the Recreation Director Search Committee. Bob feels that she will do a good job for the Goshen as Recreation Director. Katie attended last weekend's Recreation Easter Egg Hunt at Camp Coch. She has already begun her duties, afternoons and weekends and will begin her regular hour duties on April 12th.

The Board of Selectmen will be reviewing the Randi Frank Salary Matrix as it pertains to the Recreation Director position to be sure we are keeping pace with the market for recreation Director.

In reviewing the spread sheets on the year-end budget tallies, it appears that there may be a possibility of a 2.3 mill increase for next year's budget. The mill rate has been held for the past four years while at the same time costs such as RSD 6 assessment and town expenses have continued to grow. A mill rate increase will be necessary to keep an appropriate fund balance.

The Governor's Executive orders has been extended to May 20th, meaning the current Sector Rules will be the basis for reviewing the Goshen Stampede Special Events application. In speaking with Tom Stansfield, of TAHD, there appears to be a discrepancy on the attendance totals for 2019 for the Stampede – TAHD has the 2019 Stampede as 3825, Sean O'Neill reports the number to be 5000. Because the Sector Rules allow only 50% of the 2019 attendance for any event, the discrepancy needs to be resolved before a special event permit can be approved. There also seems to be a discrepancy in the application and the submitted plans as it relates to dates. The current Commander of Troop B in Canaan, Master Sargent, Brian Norton, has approved a police protection and traffic control plan for the stampede. Trinity Ambulance needs to confirm their presence. A map showing locations for the various events on the grounds is also needed. Upon receipt of corrections and other aforementioned requirements, a legal ad will be run in the newspaper.

7. Correspondence: None

8. Old Business:

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

Hospitalizations in Litchfield County had increased to 14. The Governor's Executive Orders have been extended to May 20, 2021.

b. Appointments: None

c. Budgets:

The following budget proposals were discussed. *Town Office Building; Newsletter.* These will be brought back for further discussion and confirmation.

9. New Business:

9a. Bob Valentine read aloud the *Resolution of the Board of Selectmen, Town of Goshen.* This is for the Board of Selectmen to request an extension to December 31, 2021 for grant funding in preparation to adopt an Affordable Housing Plan under provision CGS 8-30. **See attached.**

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the Resolution of the Board of Selectmen, Town of Goshen.

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10. Any Other Business:

Selectman Mark Harris reported that NWCOG will be holding seminar wherein a film will be debuted highlighting affordable housing in the northwest corner. The film will be distributed to area town websites. Bob has signed a contract with the NHGOG to have Jocelyn Ayer help with majority of the work for the Affordable Housing Plan with input from Marty Connor, Town Planner. The cost will be will be covered under this grant.

11. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide