

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, April 6, 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; Brandy Summerlin; Sean O'Neill; Garret Harlow; John Ucello – (Equipment Specialist)

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 30, 2021:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of March 30, 2021 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

3. Matters Arising Out of the Minutes: None

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – April 8, 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 8, 2021 in the amount of \$46,302.00. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$25,170.49 and the warrant in the amount of \$21,131.51. Voted unanimous. Invoices highlighted: Eversource: \$1,618.24; Sepples Tree Service: \$15,000.

5. Public Comment: Cindy Barrett reported that the recycle, shredding, electronics and mattress day held this past Saturday, April 10th was a great success. Stickers for appliances (refrigerators, air-conditioners, etc.) were also given out. The Board of Selectmen gave thanks to Paul Collins, Recycling/Trash Coordinator and all the members of the RATS committee.

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. Bid Opening, Plow Truck Body Pkg; 9b. Hybrid Special Town Meeting, April 12, 2021; 9c. Tax Collector's Report – March 31, 2021.
Voted unanimous.

6. First Selectman's Report:

Bob signed the contract for the *Resolution for the Affordable Housing Plan Grant* extension to 12/31/2021 for grant funding regarding Goshen's Affordable Housing Plan (see minutes of meeting of March 30, 2021).

Bob also reported that he has a draft of a Town Hall Emergency Lockdown Protocol and for Fire Evacuation. He will be coordinating with Tracy Keilty, Goshen Center School Principal and Steve Cahill, SRO GCS on the plans and drills with GCS.

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The Special Event Application for the Goshen Stampede is now complete. The legal ad will appear in the newspaper Thursday and run for one week. The Board of Selectmen will take up the application at their next meeting, April 13, 2021.

7. Correspondence: None

8. Old Business:

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

Bob received an update from Tom Stansfield, (TAHD); there were 6 Goshen COVID cases March 14-20; 3 cases during March 21 -27; Monday, April 5th, there were 13 hospitalizations in Litchfield County. The Governor's Executive Orders have been extended to May 20, 2021.

b. Appointments: The following candidates have accepted re-appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals, which expires on April 23, 2021: Donald H. Moore, Amanda Cannon and Daniel Kobylenski. In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve reappointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals of Donald H. Moore, Amanda Cannon and Daniel Kobylenski for a two year term. Voted unanimous.

c. Budgets:

The following budget were discussed:

Contingency	Professional Services	Waste Removal
Employee Benefits	Town Office Building	

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to accept the above listed budgets for 2021-2022 and forward them to the Board of Finance for their review and consideration. Voted unanimous.

9. New Business:

9a. Bid Opening- Plow Truck Body Pkg.

PLOW TRUCK BODY and WING PACKAGE

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Equipment Specialists	One (1) 10' SS. Side dump body, per specifications:	\$ 98,854.00
180 Roberts Street	One (1) 11' reversible plow per specifications:	\$ 10,295.00
East Hartford, CT	One (1) additional Front Mount Plow Quick Coupler Hd.	\$ 4,500.00
860-296-7000	Delivery: December 15, 2021	

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Viking Cives 5 Captain Deville Dr. Waterbury, CT 13648 860-936-5050	One (1) 10' SS Side dump body, per specifications: \$ 102,512.00 One (1) 11" reversible plow per specifications: \$ 7,980.00 One (1) additional Front Mount Plow Quick Coupler Hd. \$ 4,218.00 Delivery: 60/90 days from receipt of chassis
Truck Builders of CT 591 Main St. Plymouth, CT 06782 860-584-1174	One (1) 10' SS. Side dump body, per specifications \$ 119,480.00 One (1) 11' reversible plow per specifications: \$ 12,880.00 One (1) additional Front Mount Plow Quick Coupler Hd. \$ 4,840.00 Hydraulic One (1) additional " " " " " \$ 3,870.00 Manual Delivery: December 15, 2021
Park City Truck Equip. 1001 Wordin Avenue Bridgeport, CT 06605 203-576-0560	One (1) 10' SS Side dump body, per specifications: \$ 80,806.00 One (1) 11" reversible plow per specifications: \$ 10,960.00 One (1) additional Front Mount Plow Quick Coupler Hd \$ 3,350.00 Delivery: 60/90 days from receipt of chassis

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to forward the aforementioned bids to Public Works Supervisor for review and recommendations.

9b: Hybrid Special Town Meeting, April 12, 2021: See attached

Bob Valentine *read aloud* the Rules of Hybrid Special Town Meeting April 12, 2021. The Goshen Special Town Meeting to be held April 12, 2021 will abide by the Governor's Executive Order no. 9H.

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

9c: Tax Collector's Report – March 31, 2021:

The Board members reviewed the Tax Collector's Report. Collection rate – collected less refunds vs. total budgeted is 100.26%.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harries, it was **voted** to accept the Tax Collector's Report for March 31, 2021 as presented. Voted unanimous.

10. Any Other Business:

Bob reported that he estimates that the use of the current unassigned fund balance of \$2,061,147 will be \$517,270.58 by fiscal year end 2020/2021, leaving an available balance of \$1,543,876. At the current anticipated budget and revenue for next year 2021/2022, holding the current mill rate of 19.6 would result in the use of \$1,451,083 of the anticipated unassigned fund balance leaving \$92,793. A mill rate increase of 2.4 mill would be required to balance next year's budget without substantial use of the unassigned fund balance.

In answer to Selectman Kinsella's question regarding Region 6 assessment for next year of \$92,000, Bob explained that the savings from current year's school budget created when the Board of Education deferred \$500,000 worth of capital projects to use the savings to reduce the district towns assessment will need to be

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added back next year. For Goshen, that amount was \$248,125.94, meaning that next year's increase will be actually be \$340,125.00.

11. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide