

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

**Tuesday, April 13, 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; Audrey Blondin; Carol Feldman; John McKenna  
Republican American.

**1. Call to order:** Robert P. Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

**2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 6, 2021:**

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of April 6, 2021 as corrected. (Under Public Comments –the correct date was Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>; Under First Selectman's Report, legal ad to appear in newspaper Wednesday, April 7, 2021 ). Voted unanimous.

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

**4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – April 15, 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 15, 2021 in the amount of \$27,776.43. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$15,731.28, and the warrant in the amount of \$12,045.15. Voted unanimous. Invoices highlighted: Mountain Top Trucking – (stone)- \$3,910.85.

**5. Public Comment:** Audrey Blondin expressed her concerns about upcoming events to be held at the Goshen Fair Grounds, specifically the Goshen Stampede, as it relates to the current Sector Rules issued by the Governor. She asked what measures of enforcement would be in place.

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. Contract Extension Recommendation – Chip Seal 2021. Voted unanimous.

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

Bob reported that he (Goshen) has joined Torrington and Litchfield in a letter of support regarding applying for federal funding for the construction of a Regional Animal Control Facility. The letter will be sent to Connecticut Representatives John Larson and Johanna Hayes.

Bob asked USA Hauling to consider amending their bid to Goshen regarding recycling services in the hopes that a five (5) year contract would produce savings for Goshen, over the requested 3-year bid. Their response was that they *could not move on the numbers*. The board will consider the bid as presented at its next meeting.

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

April 13, 2021

Page 2

Bob asked Garret Harlow, Supervisor of Public Works, to see if he can make minor adjustments to his budget by using of the TAR (Town Aid Road) to offset some of the Public Works budget. Bob would like to find was to reduce next year's budget to avoid a substantial increase in the mill rate.

The *American Rescue Plan* is not totally clear on usage of funds – the Dept of the Treasury has yet to issue guidance on the allowable uses of the projected \$643,989 Goshen is scheduled to receive, have this year and the balance next. It is hoped that some of these funds can be used to offset future budget increases.

Bob would like to work with Don Patterson, Chair of the Rec. Commission to review the Rec. Directors compensation in light of recent changes in that position.

**7. Correspondence:** A FOIA letter has been received by First Selectman, Robert Valentine, along with Enforcement Officer, Martin Connor and Donald Wilkes, Chair. Planning & Zoning. This letter requests documents from the last four years regarding funding as well as other items. The signatories of said letter are Leya Edison, Lu-Ann Zbinden and Lynnette Miller.

### **8. Old Business:**

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

Bob received an update from Governor Lamont that there are now 15 hospitalizations in Litchfield County, up slightly. The Governor's Executive Orders have been extended to May 20, 2021.

#### **b. Appointments:**

First Selectman Bob Valentine brought forth the following candidate for appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Mr. Matthew Grosclaude. In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to appoint Matthew Grosclaude to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a two (2) year term to expire on April 23, 2023. Voted unanimous.

Selectman Mark Harris brought forward the name of Chris Sanders to be appointed to the Lake Weed Committee, representing West Side Pond. In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to appoint Chris Sanders to the Lake Weed Committee, representing West Side Pond. Voted unanimous.

#### **c. Budgets: None**

#### **d. Special Events Permits - Goshen Stampede:**

Bob reported that the two permit application submitted for the Goshen Stampede are now complete. The two Stampede events will take place June 4, 5, 6 and June 11, 12, 13. Bob stressed that he and the other Board of Selectmen will be strictly adhering to the Governor's Sector Rules currently in place. Those rules allow only 50% attendance based on the previous year (2019), for the Goshen Stampede 3,825. Fifty percent of 2019 would be 1913 in attendance. Other restrictions concerning social distancing would also apply. After much discussion on the applicability of the various Sector Rules and the potential for changes made by the Governor, it was agreed that if the limit for attendance was modified by the Governor the board would amend any Special Event Permit to accommodate an increase in attendance.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

April 13, 2021

Page 3

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the two applications submitted by Sean O'Neil for the Goshen Stampede, along with the written Conditions of Approval, Goshen Stampede Special Events Permit, June 4,5,6 and June 11, 12,13, 2021, Based on current Sector Rules and Special Events Ordinance- 4/13/2021, (attached). Voted unanimous.

**9. New Business:**

**9a. Resolution to apply for Small Cities Program Grant to be used by the Goshen Housing Trust for improvements at the Village Market Place. (See attached)**

Bob Valentine read aloud the complete **Certified Resolution of Applicant-Small Cities Program**. This Grant is not to exceed \$4,000. The Goshen Housing Trust will pay the cost of preparing the application using David Berto, Housing Enterprises Inc. A public informational meeting is required. Management of the grant would also so be David Berto, with the cost of managing the grant being paid for by grant dollars.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the Certified Resolution of Application-Small Cities Program, (attached). Voted unanimous.

**9b. Chip Seal 2021 – Contract Extension Recommendation:**

In line with the ten (10) year road maintenance plan, the public works department will be chip sealing a block of roadways in the south central area of Goshen this June. The contractor selected by public bid from last year has agreed to hold contract pricing from last year for any work performed this year. The continuation of this contract would result in the best value for Goshen inasmuch as the State bid for chip seal is higher.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to extend the contract with New England Asphalt Service of Northford, CT. for \$1.528 per SY of chip seal in place per Town of Goshen specifications. Voted unanimous

**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 6:35 p.m. Voted unanimous.

  
Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide

Received April 15, 2021 @ 1:21 P.M.

Attest   
Goshen Town Clerk

# Conditions of Approval, Goshen Stampede Special Events Permit

June 4,5,6, 2021 and June 11,12,13, 2021

Based on current Sector Rules and Special Events Ordinance

4/13/2021

- Maximum number of attendees shall be 50% of 2019 attendance, (3,825) Max 1,913  
Event organizer shall create a plan approved by the Goshen First Selectman to ensure no more than the allowable number of attendees are on the fairgrounds at any one time.
- The number of CT Troopers shall be: Thursday, Friday, Saturday - 1 Sargent – 2 Troopers.
- Traffic control on Route 63 shall be:
- 1 Certified traffic person @ North bound Main Gate 1 hour before event opens, until 30 minutes after closing. (per application)
- 1 Certified traffic person @ Rodeo Competitors Gate. (per application)
- No Alcohol to be served unless it is associated with sit down dining. No alcohol sale at beer booths or liquor booths.
- All individuals attending the event shall be required to wear face masks at all times when not in designated dining areas eating or family groups in designated areas.
- Water fountains shall be shut off or made unusable. Water for filling of water bottles can be made available using available water closets.
- All event areas, food vending areas and seating for eating meals shall meet the minimum required social distance for current Sector Rules.
- Food Booths shall be a minimum of 12 Feet apart from each other.
- Toilet facilities Male & Female per the application and Torrington Area Health District letter dated March 25, 2021, shall be available and regularly sanitized and cleaned. The urinal in the Men's bathroom shall be cordoned off and made unusable.
- Event organizer shall contract with Trinity Ambulance for one ambulance and crew except for the times the Goshen Fire Company is on site (Demolition Derby, June 4<sup>th</sup> and June 11<sup>th</sup>). Contract or letter of commitment to be supplied to board of Selectmen.
- The event organizer shall coordinate emergency protocol with Goshen's Emergency Management Director, or his designee and the First Selectman.



**TOWN OF GOSHEN**

**CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF APPLICANT**

**SMALL CITIES PROGRAM**

Certified a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Town of Goshen at a meeting of its

Board of Selectmen on April 13, 2021 and which has not been rescinded or modified in any way whatsoever.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Clerk) (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

(SEAL)

WHEREAS, Federal monies are available under the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Housing pursuant to Public Law 93 -383, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 127c, and Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of Housing is authorized to disburse such Federal monies to local municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Goshen make application to the State for up to approximately \$400,000.00 in order to undertake a Small Cities Community Development Program and to execute an Assistance Agreement therefore, should one be offered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State Assistance imposed by Part VI of Chapter 130 of The Connecticut General Statutes; and,
2. That the filing of an application by the Town of Goshen in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00 is hereby approved, and that the First Selectman on behalf of the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized and directed to file such Application with the Commissioner of the Department of Housing, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an Agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Goshen.