

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, April 20, 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; Paul Collins

1. Call to order: Robert P. Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 13, 2021:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of April 13, 2021 as corrected. (Page 2 under American Rescue Plan – have should be “half”; Page 3, Small Cities Program Grant- Grant is not to exceed \$400,000. Voted unanimous.

3. Matters Arising Out of the Minutes: None

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – April 22, 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 22, 2021 in the amount of \$32,354.72. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$23,787.45, and the warrant in the amount of \$8,567.28. Voted unanimous. Invoices highlighted: VISA – \$835.09; John Hancock (pensions) \$4,660.48.

5. Public Comment: Brandy Summerlin is preparing to modify the “Goshen Stampede” (Special Event Application) to the new adjustment in the Governor’s Sector Orders beginning May 14th. Bob Valentine suggested she contact Troop B in Canaan regarding the sale/consumption of alcohol at this event, inasmuch as the State Police are required to sign-off on this permit. At this time, Bob has not yet received any definite *clarification* regarding this issue. As such, he will share this info regarding alcohol sales/consumption at next week’s meeting.

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. Recycling Contract. Voted unanimous.

6. First Selectman’s Report:

Bob reported that the Affordable Housing Informational Meeting held recently went very well; 112 people attended. It appears that people are beginning to show a better understanding of what the requirements are (under State statutes) and were pleased to see positive results from other communities who already have affordable housing in their towns. Attendees at this meeting were urged to go on to Goshen website and sign onto “News and Announcements” or Board and Commissions to ensure awareness of these important meetings.

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7. Correspondence: None

8. Old Business:

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

Bob received an update that there are now only 8 hospitalizations in Litchfield County. From April 4, to April 10, there were zero cases for Goshen per TAHD.

b. Appointments: None

c. Budgets: The following budget proposals were reviewed and discussed.

Recreation Department; Public Works Department; Waste Removal

Bob will further discuss these budgets with Garret Harlow and Don Patterson, Chr. of Recreation Commission. These budgets will be presented to the Board of Finance at their April 28, 2021 meeting.

Salary Range for Recreation Director:

Salary for next year: \$51,592, includes .50/hr. per standard 6 mos. review for all new employees. The BOS felt with the Rec Director's compensation should be adjusted to better reflect current market place, less we find ourselves training a Director only to lose them to other towns who pay more for the position. A review of the Patterson, Chairman of the Recreation Commission accordingly.

d. Recycling Contract:

As mentioned in a previous meeting, USA Hauling was the only bid received. Their bid reflected pricing for five (5) years. Paul Collins, *Recycling Coordinator*, was consulted on his opinion on accepting the bid from USA Hauling and whether a 3 or 5 year contract would be best. Given that it is believed that the MIRA contract, where the recycling is trucked, will end in 2027, a 5 year contract would seem to be best. After discussion on the probability of getting other recycling contractors to bid, it was agreed that entering into a contract with USA would be best.

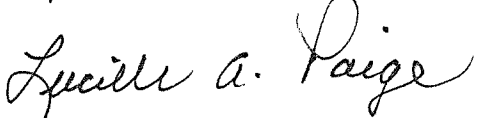
In a **motion** made by Mark Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to enter into a five (5) year contract with USA Hauling at their bid price, but in the event, after review, the MIRA contract does not end in five (5) years, then enter into a three (3) year contract with USA Hauling. Voted unanimous.

9. New Business: None

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 6:12 p.m. Voted unanimous.



Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide