

Town of Goshen  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Tuesday July 06, 2021**

This meeting held in-person and recorded via Zoom.us and is available as a recording

**PRESENT:** Robert P. Valentine, Dexter S. Kinsella, Mark Harris

**OTHERS:** Cindy Barrett; Todd Carusillo; John McKenna, Republican American; Audrey Blondin; Howard Randall

**1. Call to order:** Robert P. Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of June 22, 2021:**

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of June 22, 2021 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

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

**4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – July 08, 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 July 08, 2021 in the amount of \$58,807.79. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$37,712.21 and the warrant in the amount of \$21,095.58 Voted unanimous. Invoices highlighted: Auto Graphics (Library) \$4,469.00; New England Aquatic Services (Camp Coch) \$2,598.00.

**Public Comment:** Audrey Blondin asked if the Board of Selectmen are gathering information regarding the new marijuana legislation and perhaps present their findings at Town Meeting. Bob explained that this item is under the purview of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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

Bob reported that the process has begun where all town hall documents are being moved to "Google Drive" cloud based storage. This topic was covered at the June 22<sup>nd</sup> BOS meeting wherein to protect the Town's vulnerability from cyber-attacks. The process will lessen the town's vulnerability to cyber-attack by placing information in several places instead of just on a town server. The next program that will be transferred to the cloud will be *Quickbooks*.

A gathering was held on Monday, June 28, 2021, at 65 Beech Hill Road, the location of the State's just purchased 627 acres of land. Mr. Timothy Abbott, HVA (Housatonic Valley Association) executive director, showcased the open space newly named *Goshen Wildlife Management Area*. This land featuring 100 acres of farmland, being worked by the Klug Farm in Torrington, was purchased from the Steiner family for \$2.45 million using \$1.25 million allocated by the Highlands Conservation Act and \$1.25 million from the federal Pittman-Robertson Act which provides aid to states for management and restoration of wildlife habitat. In attendance were many including Senator Chris Murphy who was promoting the reauthorization of the Highlands Conservation Act.

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**7. Correspondence:** None

**8. Old Business:**

**8a. Appointments:** Bob announced the resignation of Diana Bernard from the Library Board. A replacement will be sought.

**8b. Special Event Permit: Falcon Ridge Folk Festival**

Mr. Howard Randall explained the venue, program and approximate number of anticipated attendees for this one day event. All of the other requirements under the Special Event Permit have been met, with the exception of the signoff from Troop B in Canaan.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the Special Event Permit for the Falcon Ridge Folk Festival to be held on Saturday, July 31, 2021. Voted unanimous.

**9. New Business:** None

**10. Any Other Business:** None

**11. Adjournment:**

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide