

Town of Goshen  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

*REGULAR MEETING*

**Tuesday November 23, 2021**

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

**PRESENT:** Todd M. Carusillo, Mark S. Harris, Dexter S. Kinsella

**OTHERS:** Cindy Barrett; Scott Olson; Richard Reis; Jim Mersfelder; Peter Jurawski; John McKenna, Republican American

**1. Call to order:** Todd M. Carusillo called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of November 16, 2021:**

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of November 16, 2021 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

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

**4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant –November 24, 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 November 24, 2021 in the amount of \$68,608.59. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$23,743.61 and the warrant in the amount of \$44,864.98. Voted unanimous. Items of note: *Connecticare* (health insurance) \$16,335.25; MIRA (waste disposal fees) \$11,901.75; Mountaintop Trucking (for Whist Pond) \$2,116.12.

**5 . Public Comment:**

Scott Olson asked if the prices for stone (Mountaintop Trucking) were competitive, in as much as Bill Colby Excavating is a Goshen town business. It was revealed that Colby Excavating unfortunately does not have a scale to accurately weigh the stone purchased hence unable to determine an accurate cost. Mr. Bill Colby therefore did not participate in submitting any pricing in the bid process. Todd Carusillo will look into this matter.

**At this time the BOS moved to item 9a. DEEP Report:**

Two representatives were in attendance for this subject – Jim Mersfelder and Richard Reis. They presented their case to form a task force - *Bantam Lake Protective Association Task Force*. This Task Force will analyze, study and advocate for solutions to regional water quality issues that affect Bantam Lake, its tributaries (Woodridge Lake) and watershed areas. Woodridge Lake is responsible for 16% of said conditions. This Task Force will be composed of at least one member but no more than three members designated solely by the Participant Organizations. The Task Force will adopt all necessary rules, procedures, budgets and funding sources to complete its work. This action will be supported by Todd Carusillo and Mark Harris also.

In subsequent discussions, it was moved by Mark S. Harris seconded by Todd M. Carusillo to appoint Selectman Dexter S. Kinsella as representative of the BOS to serve on this Task Force, inasmuch as Dexter has basic knowledge and experience with water ways.

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

Current COVID-19 cases in Litchfield County (hospitals) have risen slightly to 11 as reported at 6:00 p.m. today.

Todd reported that back in 11/22 2005, that Region 6 was responsible for 4/5 of the fuel cost to run a generator located at Town Hall/Goshen Center School. "In the event the generator is needed to provide electricity to the Town Hall/Goshen Center School complex during power outages when Goshen Center School is *not* being used as a shelter, Regional School District 6 will be responsible for 4/5 of the fuel cost necessary to power the generator and the Town of Goshen will be responsible for 1/5 of the cost." Todd will place a call to Superintendent Chris Leone to discuss any discrepancies.

Todd announced that Jim O'Leary, has stepped down from Emergency Services Director for Goshen. He will serve instead as "Deputy Director" for Emergency Director. His official letter of resignation from Jim has been received by Goshen Town Clerk. Robert P. Valentine will serve as Emergency Services Director.

Todd reported the very latest pricing for heating oil, diesel fuel and gasoline from Dime Oil Company. From information showing favorable pricing and discussion with the Board of Selectmen, it was agreed that it may be advantageous to have Todd lock into pricing at this time. (When Todd called following the morning after reporting on this issue at last week's BOS meeting, the pricing had changed favorably and the following prices were those that were actually locked into for 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023.

- Heating Oil - \$2.5397
- Diesel Fuel – \$2.5300
- Gasoline - \$2.4489

**7. Correspondence:** Todd reported that *Greenwoods Counseling & Referrals, Inc.* has submitted their annual request for funding. This organization addresses the mental health and addiction crisis in the Northwest corner in Connecticut. In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was voted to donate to *Greenwoods Counseling & Referrals, Inc.* in the same amount as in previous years. Voted unanimous

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

##### **8a. Appointments:**

It was announced that Chris Sanders has resigned from the Economic Development Commission. A replacement member will be chosen.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to re-appoint Rebecca Junchert-Derungs as Goshen's Tax Collector, term expiring 11/31/2023. Voted unanimous.

Shane Morehouse Kinsella Fund Committee:

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to reappoint Dexter S. Kinsella, Janet Hooper, and Rev. Sara Krhla to the Shane Morehouse Kinsella Fund Committee. Voted unanimous.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to appoint Peter Jurawski, Scott Olson, and Marc McCarthy to Goshen Broadband Advisory Committee.

**9. New Business:**

**9a. DEEP Report – See page 1**

**9b. Title 75 Ordinance:**

In reference to *Title 75 Ordinance*, item 3 was subject matter for the Town Annual Meeting of November 11, 2021 in that an annual report of Economic Development Commission activities was not submitted nor found on the agenda for this meeting.

A **motion** made by Mark S. Harris to change item 3 of Title 75 Ordinance wherein this requirement would be submitted to be a part of the Town Annual Report Agenda. Rather it was discussed among the BOS members that this EDC requirement would be better served to have the EDC report be published into the **Goshen Town Annual Report** instead.

Mark S. Harris formally withdrew his motion.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to change item 3 of the *Title 75 Ordinance* to reflect that the EDC submit its Annual Report to be published in the *Goshen Town Annual Report*, along with all the other Boards and Commissions. Voted unanimous.

**10. Other Business:**

*“Todd reported that he attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting last Friday. He learned that Connecticut will be receiving 8% (\$100,000) of an infrastructure bill that is being considered for Broadband service to the Northwest Corner of Connecticut. Selectman Harris suggested that it may in Goshen’s best interest to convene a Broadband Advisory Committee. Selectman Kinsella agreed in that this “committee” can learn what options will be available and what “regional” solutions can be garnered from this venture.” – as quoted from the BOS meeting of November 16, 2021.* Goshen may receive 17% which equals \$40,000. At this meeting of November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Goshen representation on the Broadband Committee will be: Mark Harris, Todd Carusillo, Peter Jurawski, Scott Olson, Mark McCarthy. These representatives will work with NWCOG and research the variable options available to Goshen and its best interest.

**11. Adjournment:**

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman’s Aide