

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday July 20, 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; Adam Andrusia

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 July 13, 2021:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of July 13, 2021 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

3. Matters Arising Out of the Minutes: Selectman Kinsella advised that he will attend the seminar regarding marijuana and municipal employers.

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – July 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 July 22, 2021 in the amount of \$116,176.26 Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$31,413.54 and the warrant in the amount of \$84,762.72. Voted unanimous. Invoices highlighted: VISA: \$5,576.23; McNeil & Co.: (Fire Company insurance) \$28,986.96; MIRA: (tipping fees) \$13,973.05; USA Hauling: (recycling) \$8,163.00.

Public Comment: None

6. First Selectman's Report:

Bob reminded both Selectmen that signature cards at the Torrington Savings Bank are in need of their signatures. Both Selectmen, Kinsella and Harris will take the time this week to do so.

In the treasury from the former Long Term Recovery Committee lies \$1,200. A brief discussion was held in which ideas of how to apply these funds for the residents of Goshen, i.e., recovery concert; concert and town picnic, etc.

Bob reported that he and John Therlfall (Region 6 Safety and Security Coordinator) will be discussing new Emergency Planning procedures. This regards fire drills, evacuation, etc., inasmuch as both buildings, i.e., the school and the Town Hall are **separate** but yet connected in the same building. There must be coordination of actions in such circumstances.

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Bob previously expressed opposition to the RSD 6 Board of Education's intention of removal of Indian mascots from public school properties. Inasmuch as the applicable State Statute is not effective for any loss of funding until June 30, **2023**, and RSD 6 district will be considering merging with the Litchfield School District, it appears to be premature to remove the Indian sports mascots. The Indian mascots have been in place since the 1950's, and have been a symbol of strength and pride, never having been viewed or presented in a negative light. Spending taxpayer's funds to remove the current mascot *at this time*, Bob feels, would be irresponsible.

7. Correspondence: None

8. Old Business:

8a. Appointments:

In a **motion** made by Robert P. Valentine, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the appointment of **Adam Andrusia** to the Board of Assessors whose term begins immediately and expires October 31, 2021. Voted unanimous.

In a **motion** made by Robert P. Valentine, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the appointment of **Jeff Damiano** to the Conservation Commission. His term will begin immediately and expire on October 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 5:21 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide