

x Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday July 27, 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; Leya Edison; Peter Kujawski; Audrey Blondin; Lucy Hussman, Assessor

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

2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of July 20, 2021:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of July 20, 2021 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

3. Matters Arising Out of the Minutes: Both Bob Valentine and Selectman Kinsella, were unable to attend the seminar on the new law regarding the usage of marijuana/cannabis in Connecticut. There are other seminars on this subject they are planning to attend.

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – July 29, 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 29, 2021 in the amount of \$299,031.26. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$33,333.31, and the warrant in the amount of \$265,697.95. Voted unanimous. Invoices highlighted: Connecticare (employee health insurance): \$16,335.25; New England Asphalt (chip seal) \$201,921.66; Sepples Tree Service: (School Hill Rd.) \$10,500.

Public Comment: Cynthia Barrett had several comments and suggestions regarding hybrid meetings and how they could posted on the town website going forward. She also suggested a *how to use zoom meetings* should be posted, for those who are not familiar with zoom meetings. The original instructions to get into hybrid meetings were available to the public back when the COVID-19 pandemic began, those will be reposted to the town website.

6. First Selectman's Report:

With reference to the legalization of marijuana in Connecticut and potential issues that could arise with random drug testing of public works employees municipalities despite the **state** of Connecticut having legalized the use of marijuana, CDL drivers' licenses are a **federal** license, and therefore are *not affected* by the new **state** cannabis law. Bob stated cannabis can be regulated by town/municipal ordinance. For example, alcohol is not allowed at Camp Coch, should cannabis also not be allowed. Towns can prohibit its use on town property by ordinance if they choose.

Debbie Franklin, our Consultant, has been in-house working on closing out our books for fiscal year 2020/2021.

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7. Correspondence: None

8. Old Business:

8a. Appointments:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the appointment of David Rosaler to the Cable Television Advisory Committee, CTAC, whose term begins immediately and expires June 30, 2023. Voted unanimous.

9. New Business:

9.a Bid Opening: Revaluation of Goshen Properties for 2022:

Municipal Valuation Services, LLC \$ 48,500.00
23 Sherman Street
Fairfield, CT 06824
203-292-5500

Ovision Government Solutions, Inc. \$ 44,700.00
1 Cabot Road
Hudson, Mass. 01749
800-628-1013

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to forward aforementioned bids to the Goshen Assessor for review and recommendation. Voted unanimous.

9.b Special Event Approval – Podunk Bluegrass Music Festival:

The legal ad for this event was published July 23, 2021. The event will take place August 12, 13, 14, 15. It is not anticipated that August 15th will have the necessary attendance to require a special permit. All requirements for this event have been met.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the Podunk Bluegrass Music Festival Special Event Permit for August 12, 13, 14, 2021, at the Goshen Fair Grounds having met all the requirements of the ordinance. Voted unanimous.

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 5:27 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide