

Town of Goshen  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

*REGULAR MEETING*  
**Tuesday August 17, 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:** Todd Carusillo; Peter Kujawski; Cindy Barrett

**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 August 3, 2021:**

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of August 3, 2021 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

**3. Matters Arising Out of the Minutes:** Garret Harlow, Supervisor of Public Works, Fuel Pump Accountability system software is not supported and having issues. In that this is an important piece of equipment, Mr. Harlow will put together an RFP for a replacement system accordingly. Any action will require Board of Finance approval, not being budgeted for in the current year.

**4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – August 12, 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 August 12, 2021 in the amount of \$43,920.61. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$18,375.53 and the warrant in the amount of \$25,545.08. Motion carried with Robert Valentine abstaining. Invoices highlighted: Eversource: \$3,467.52; Tire Association (rotate tires) \$1,121.56.

**Approval of Payroll for August 19, 2021** In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the payroll for August 19, 2021 in the amount of \$16,198.22. Voted unanimous.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to add to the agenda under 9. New Business, 9b. Tax Collector Information– August 17, 2021. Voted unanimous.

**Public Comment:** None

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

Bob reported on the latest COVID hospitalization statistics for Litchfield County, which are 6. At this time, Bob feels that the current guidelines here for Town Hall are adequate. If a visitor has NOT been vaccinated, he/she must wear a mask upon entering Town Hall. With regards to the Goshen/Cornwall Senior Bus, passengers and driver must now wear masks.

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Region 6 merger: the question to halt proceedings came from the attorneys from the pertinent towns. Litchfield is a “single” school district and receives authority for this activity from their **legislative** body. Region 6, on the other hand is a “regional” school district which takes direction from their Board of Education. The attorneys from both districts will get together and confer on the appropriate process that should be followed. Because of the timing concerning the outstanding question of the applicable process, the merger question will not be on the November ballot. Public hearing on the proposed merger plan has been cancelled for now. Hopefully, an agreement on process can be reached before the Annual Town Meeting in November, if the question of committee members needs to be decided by the town’s people.

Selectmen from Cornwall and Warren have visited Goshen Town Hall to view the equipment and setup for conducting Zoom and Hybrid public meetings, in their plans to move forward. Bob was pleased to render assistance viewing Goshen’s set up. Goshen’s equipment was purchased with the federal funds received for COVID 19 expenditures.

Bob Valentine was happy to report that the *Podunk Bluegrass Music Festival* held at Goshen Fairgrounds was a great success. It was a good family event; they doubled the number of attendees from their previous appearance. The next bluegrass festival will be the *Black Bear Music Festival* scheduled for this coming October.

The new handicap door opener for the Town Hall entrance has been installed.

**7. Correspondence:** None

**8. Old Business:**

**8a. Appointments:** None

**9. New Business:**

**9.a Special Event Permit – Goshen Fair**

The Special Event Permit for the Annual Goshen Fair will be addressed at the August 24<sup>th</sup> Board of Selectmen meeting.

**9b. Tax Collector’s Report – August 17, 2021:**

The Selectmen reviewed the report which showed Collection Rate-collected less refunds vs. total budgeted to be 57.05%. This was found to be in line with previous years’ tax collection rate.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to receive the Tax Collector’s Report for August 17, 2021 accordingly. Voted unanimous.

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**10. Any Other Business:**

Bob Valentine reported on his discussion with George Sinnamon, Auditor, regarding municipalities use of federal ARI funding (COVID-19). Both agreed the uses of this funding by the town of Goshen was in-line with what were acceptable to the federal government guidelines. The town audit is due to be completed by October 2021, in time for the Annual Meeting in November 2021.

**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