

Town of Goshen  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

*REGULAR MEETING*  
**Tuesday September 7, 2021**

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

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

**OTHERS:** Todd Carusillo; Cindy Barrett, Peter Kujawski

**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 31, 2021:**

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of August 31, 2021 as submitted. Motion carried with Dexter S. Kinsella abstaining.

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

**4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – September 9, 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 September 9, 2021 in the amount of \$1,486,632.35. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$27,446.06 and the warrant in the amount of \$1,459,186.29 Voted unanimous. Items of note, PC Wizard (IT for Library) – \$2,756.72; Region 6 one 6<sup>th</sup> assessment 2021/2022 -\$1,446,821.00.

**Public Comment:** Cindy Barrett - glorious days for the Goshen Fair; good to see everyone out and getting together.

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

Regarding the COVID-19 statistics, last week State DPH recorded 7 hospitalizations in Litchfield County; that number has not changed from the previous week.

There has been very little guidance from the Fed. Treasury Dept. regarding who has the authority to appropriate spending of the ARPA grants to municipalities. Per conversations with Attorney Chip Roraback, he advises that this subject should be brought to a Town Meeting in that some of funds in question would be given to non-profits Goshen Fire Company, Tyler Lake Protective Association and Friends of West Side pond. In addition, the funds would be in excess of \$20K. Bob will be having further conversation with Attorney Roraback on this matter.

Therefore, a special Town Meeting is being scheduled for Monday, October 25, 2021. The two (2) questions that will be put before the voters are: the discontinuance of Howe Road, and the spending of the ARPA grant funds. The meeting would be held at Town Hall in the conference room and be hybrid, via "Zoom.US". The "call" of this meeting is being put together accordingly. This special Town Meeting will alleviate the over-crowding of the agenda for the Annual Town Meeting which take up the Audit Report, Annual Report, Wetlands and EDC elections.

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Bob reported on his recent conversation with Don Patterson (Chairman of the Recreation Commission) regarding setting “policy” for the Recreation Department i.e., standards of programs, public behavior, etc. Attorney Chip Roraback stated the Recreation Commission is entitled to author those policies. Bob will be meeting with Don Patterson and Katie Hennessy accordingly.

Bob had conversations with the Board of Finance seven months back regarding appropriate compensation for the Recreation Director. The Board Finance was open to increase the Recreation Director’s salary in that the current salary was not in line with other surrounding towns which were significantly higher. Bob will seek compensation commensurate with the Randi Frank payroll matrix (used for all Town Hall employees). Chairman Patterson will conduct a 6 month review for Ms. Hennessy. This will be done prior to the Board of Finance meeting on Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**7. Correspondence:** None

**8. Old Business:**

**8a. Appointments:** The list of those to be appointed by October 31, 2021 will be presented to the Board of Selectman for their consideration.

**9. New Business:** None

**10. Any Other Business:** None

**11. Adjournment:**

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman’s Aide