

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday September 14, 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, Lucy Hussman

1. Call to order: Robert P. Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:01p.m.

2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of September 7, 2021:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of September 7, 2021 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

3. Matters Arising Out of the Minutes: None

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – September 16, 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 16, 2021 in the amount of \$56,685.00. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$12,914.28 and the warrant in the amount of \$43,770.72. Voted unanimous. Items of note, Anthem BC/BS-\$1,233.70; Dime Oil-\$1,491.83; Firematic-\$1,120.00; MIRA-MSW (recycling)-\$14,359.80; S&S Paving-\$11,466.00; United Concrete Products - \$1,550.00.

Public Comment: None

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to add to the agenda, under 8 Old Business, 8b. Recommendation for Revaluation Services. Voted unanimous.

6. First Selectman's Report:

Bob found additional information on allowable uses on the ARPA Funding, particularly, lost revenue. He printed out a National Cities excel spreadsheet that calculated lost revenue for ARPA purposes and shared it with the Board. There is a good possibility we can use a greater dollar amount for lost revenue, which may eliminate some reporting requirements. He will look into it further with Debbie Franklin and Chris King, Accounting Consultant, and bring additional information back to the Board. This will most likely not change the allocation of monies to the Lake Groups and Fire Company.

Previously discussed was the Recreation Director compensation. As part recent hiring process for Rec. Director, it became obvious that Goshen's salary was low. Now that Don Patterson has done a 6-month evaluation for Katie Hennessy, Bob believes it's time to address the Recreation Director pay scale. Katie has done very good job and has met and exceeded our expectations. Bob drafted a letter to the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen.

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In it he lays out the reasons for bringing Katie's compensation up to \$30.42 hour which is just below the mid-point of the Randi Frank pay matrix. After review the Board agreed to ask the Board of Finance to adjust Katie's pay accordingly October 1st.

Covid cases as of Friday were 8 hospitalizations in Litchfield County, not much changed from last week. Most of the cases are people who had not been vaccinated.

George Sinnamon continues to work on audit, preliminary report on the audit is due early October.

7. Correspondence: None

8. Old Business: None

8a. Appointments: The appointment list was presented to the Board of Selectman for their consideration and was accepted for the First Selectman to call and ask appointees to run again.

b. Recommendation for Revaluation Services: After Lucy Hussman reviewed and checked references on bids, her recommendation was Vision Government Solutions for the Town 2022 revaluation.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the recommendation of Vision Government Solution for the 2022 revaluation vendor. Voted unanimous

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 5:36 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Virginia Perry,
F.S. Administrative Assistant/Office Manager