

**Town of Goshen**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Tuesday September 21, 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;

**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 14, 2021:**

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of September 14, 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 23, 2021 in the amount of \$93,302.65. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$24,720.35 and the warrant in the amount of \$68,582.30. Voted unanimous. Items of note: Blackboard Connect (Emergency notification system) -\$ 3,275.00; Connecticare (health insurance)- \$16,335.25; Sepples (Tree Removal) - \$11,500.

**Public Comment:** None

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

With sadness, Bob reported on the unexpected passing of Sally Irwin, coordinator for the Litchfield Hills Chore Services, Inc. Ms. Irwin served as co-ordinator for the six town Chore service. She performed invaluable service for our elderly. She performed a fantastic job. The services will continue with Michael Lynn Capello, Social Services Director from Litchfield handling the day to day functions, until a replacement is found.

Bob reported on the resignation of Erin Reilly, from the Recreation Commission. The Board of Selectmen agreed to wait to fill the position at the next Town Meeting, November 16, 2021.

Bob reported on the "Call of the Meeting" for the *Town Meeting* to be held on Monday, October 25, 2021, at 8:00 p.m. It will be a Hybrid Special Town Meeting, held at Goshen Town Hall Conference room and via Zoom.us. The meeting call should be ready for approve at the next selectman's meeting.

The process of "discontinuing" Howe Road continues with posting signs and making contact with property abutters as appropriate. This will be included in the "Call of the Meeting".

The application of the "Black Bear Americana Music Festival" (October 8, 2021) will be completed with approvals from TAHD and Troop B anticipated this week.

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A bid opening will take place, Thursday, September 23, 2021, for (emergency) culvert replacement on East Hyderdale Drive.

The overgrown vines and bushes on the front of the Town Hall building have been pulled out. Along with some minor drainage repairs, new plants professionally designed/landscaped by Public Works for this area are being planted.

Further review of ARPA recovery “revenue” is being done by Debbie Franklin, Accounting Consultant, and Bob.

**7. Correspondence:** None

**8. Old Business:**

**8a. Appointments:** None

**9. New Business:**

**9a. Call of Town Meeting, Monday, October 25, 2021:**

Tabled until next week.

**9b. Tax Collector’s Report – August 31, 2021:**

The Selectmen reviewed subject report. Collection rate-collected less refunds vs. total budgeted is 57.54%. This amount coincides with previous years rates.

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 31, 2021 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

**10. 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 5:17 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman’s Aide