

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday October 05, 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

1. Call to order: Robert P. Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:03p.m.

2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of September 28, 2021:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of September 28, 2021 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

3. Matters Arising Out of the Minutes: None

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant –October 07, 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 October 7, 2021 in the amount of \$32,495.85. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$14,754.65 and the warrant in the amount of \$17,741.20. Voted unanimous. Items of note: Eversource: \$2,184.55; Mountain Top Trucking (crushed stone) - \$5,910.06; Oddo Print Shop (Fall *Town Topics*)- \$4,895.00.

Public Comment: None

6. First Selectman's Report:

Regarding the Coronavirus, Litchfield County continues to be doing well with only 8 hospitalizations.

Mr. Andy Merola is the energy consultant for CCM (Connecticut Council of Municipalities). He provides members with market opportunities with *favorable energy* pricing. As such, current market indicators favor re-entering the market *now* to capture future savings. Goshen's current supply agreement with CCM ends December 2022. Mr. Merola suggests that re-entering the energy market now makes sense. Bob has thus sent in the paperwork for the energy participation program for electricity. Resulting/favorable return information will determine Goshen's interest in continuing this program.

Bob reported that the nearly completed tennis courts (located adjacent to the Goshen Center School) are nearly complete- however, due to material shortage, the fences will be delayed and the finishing coating of paint on the surface of the area will also be delayed. The Goshen Center School has taken over the responsibility for this project.

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 re-appoint Henrietta Horvay to the Water Pollution Control Authority for another three (3) year term expiring October 31, 2024. Voted unanimous.

8b. Affordable Housing Plan (Draft):

Having reviewed the “draft” of the Housing Plan 2022-2027, the BOS discussed several points (page 10) as it pertained to Summary of Housing Data Analysis for Goshen, compared to neighboring towns, i.e., Cornwall, Norfolk, Litchfield, Morris and Warren. What are the criteria? What is the diversity of Goshen? Additionally, (page 14) resources for those who are at risk of becoming homeless were also discussed. It was emphasized that it is the responsibility of the Planning & Zoning Commission to implement the regulations in moving this plan forward. If the Planning & Zoning Commission does create changes in zoning regulation for items in the plan, a public hearing would have to be held before those changes could become part of the zoning regulations.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to adopt the Housing Plan 2022-2027. Voted unanimous.

*This plan will be given to the Planning & Zoning Commission for placement on their agenda for their meeting of Tuesday, October 26, 2021 for their review.

9. New Business: None

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 5:25 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide